

The China Mail

ESTABLISHED
1845

No. 19,776

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1926.

PRICE, \$3.00 Per Month.

N. LAZARUS

Ophthalmic Opticians

12 Queen's Road, Central

We specialise in genuine Bausch and Lomb Ophthalmic Lenses and Sir William Crookes Tinted Glass. All lenses ground in our own factory. Prompt and Careful Work under the supervision of Ralph A. Cooper, Manager. (Registered Optometrist—Canada)

The largest volume of 8-cyl. cars in history results from exclusive Super Six quality. That volume makes possible the HUPMOBILE prices below any rival. For more than eleven years, HUPMOBILE Super Six quality has given it outstanding leadership. It established world records for speed and endurance, and again the prestige was secured in larger sales. Each year established new records for reliability and long life. The principle is patented by which its qualities of smoothness, greater power and long life, remain exclusive to HUPMOBILE.

Cochise.....\$3000 Brougham.....\$3800
Touring.....\$3000 Sedan.....\$3000

THE DRAGON MOTOR CAR CO., LTD.

WHITEAWAY'S

GENTS'

OUTFITTING DEPT.

NEW SUMMER GOODS

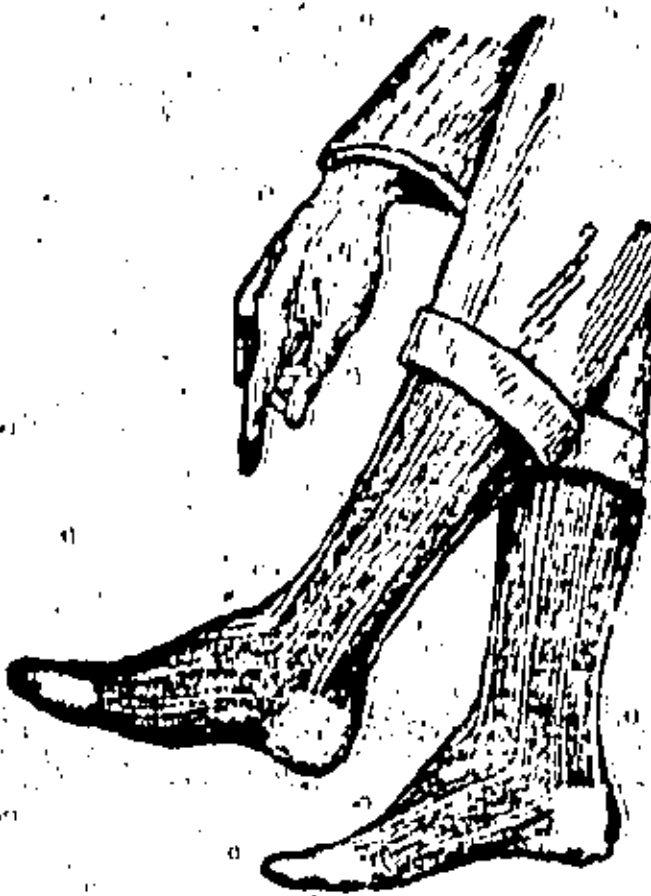


GOLF HOSE

A splendid selection in light weight Wool, Wool and Silk Mixture in plain colours and fancy designs.

FROM \$1.95 pair to \$9.50

NEW HALF HOSE



GENTS' SOCK in Fancy Cashmere Silk and Wool, Pure Silk, Art Silk, etc. in plain colours and fancy designs. Smart and up-to-date.

FROM \$1.50 pair

CALL AND INSPECT

WHITEAWAY,
LAIDLAW
& CO., LTD.,

Gents Outfitting Dept.
HONGKONG.

LEE KEE

Agent for

HENRY RICHARD
TILE CO'S.

We have a large stock of White Glazed Wall Tiles, Colour Glazed Wall Tiles, Ceramic Mosaic Tiles, Geometrical Encaustic Floor Tiles, Tile Fire Grates.

Inspection Invited

Showroom: 21, Wellington St.
Tel. C. 1483.

TANG YUK, Designer

the late SIEW TING,
14, D'Aguiar Street.

TERMS VERY MODERATE
Consultation Free

MRS. MOTONO

ELECTRIC MASSAGE

31a, Wyndham St., 2nd Floor.

TROPIC FLYING.

SEAPLANES FOR FAR EAST
PRACTICABLE.

DANISH AVIATOR'S VIEWS.

Commander Botved On His Tokyo Flight

If the Dutch aviator, Commander Botved, finds on his return to Canton from Hongkong that the state of the ground in Canton is no better than when he left he will discard the greater part of the ton of gasoline which is rendering impossible his ascent from there and he will then fly to Hongkong, take on new supplies and continue his flight.

Commander Botved spent this morning in making a survey of the Kowloon City ground as a prospective "hopping off" spot and in arranging with the local authorities for permission to fly here in the event of the need arising.

Commander Botved was interviewed by a "China Mail" reporter at 11:15 a.m. as he was about to join fliers from H.M.S. "Vindictive" of whose assistance in the matter of advice and help for preparation of the Kowloon City ground he spoke in appreciative terms.

Canton Assistance.

Commander Botved wished also to correct any misunderstanding which might have arisen through Press reports as to objections by the Canton Government to fliers visiting the city. The Government had given all assistance possible, he stated, having placed at his disposal the aviation bureau there and the services of mechanics.

An erroneous impression may have been gathered also from reports of non-preparedness at Canton when Commander Botved arrived. What actually happened was that Commander Botved was due in Canton on Saturday but owing to heavy thunderstorms and bad flying conditions he had to turn back to Hanoi. Cable communication between Hanoi and Canton, having been interrupted, no news was received in Canton, atmospheric conditions also rendering impossible the reception there of the wireless message sent from Hanoi.

Drop From Clouds.

Commander Botved therefore literally "dropped from the clouds" when he actually arrived and when his descent without the assistance of the planes the Canton Government had instructed to be in preparation to guide him. The aviation bureau with mechanics were ready to receive him when he made his landing.

He has received every assistance from them and work of draining the ground where his plane rests has been put in hand by the Government since the heavy rains.

Commander Botved will probably be returning to Canton by boat to-morrow and until he has had the opportunity of seeing what effect the draining has had it is impossible to state whether or not he will "hop off" from Hongkong.

Advised By D'Oisy.

His decision all along had been to fly to Canton, Commander Botved told the "China Mail" representative. There had never been any question before of his touching Hongkong. He had decided to fly to Canton, acting on the advice of Captain D'Oisy, the famous French flier with whom he had been in communication before he left Copenhagen and who advised him that with a land plane the descent at Canton was more practicable than at Hongkong.

Questioned with regard to the effect on planes of tropical heat, Commander Botved said that he had experienced no ill effects on his plane. Air currents and Indian sand storms rendered progress difficult in parts and the absence of facilities for landing with a land plane was also a great disadvantage. Greater facilities for keeping aviators constantly in touch with meteorological conditions would also be necessary if regular flying was to be instituted.

"With regard to possible development between Calcutta and the Far East, it is my belief that in seaplanes will lie the more practicable solution," said Commander Botved. "Following the coast, they have landing places continually at their service where

COURT WORK.

A BUSY DAY AT
KOWLOON.

ARMS THEFT CASE.

The case against the armorer of the Chinese cruiser "Kwong Ching" in which he was charged with theft of 16 rifles, one revolver and 220 rounds of ammunition, and alternatively with aiding and abetting in the removal of the arms from the cruiser, was concluded among other cases at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Defendant was acquitted on the "larceny charge," but convicted on the other to one month's hard labour.

Ammunition Find.

The discovery of 31 rounds of ammunition in the steamer quarter of the s.s. "President Pierce" yesterday morning was mentioned when an application was made and an order issued for confiscation.

The Shooting Case.

Larceny of a plank of wood, resisting arrest, and damaging a Chinese district watchman's uniform were charges against a man who, according to the evidence, struggled with his captor in an endeavour to get the revolver. The fight was described by the watchman in evidence who said that his whistle and baton were taken away from him and as a last resort he had to shoot the man in the leg.

Defendant explained his presence in a scavenging lane near Portland Street, Yau-mat, by stating that he was an informer to the police and was engaged in watching a house suspected of preparing opium. He denied he had the piece of plank in his hand and spoke of a protest he lodged when he was charged with the theft and of an assault on him by the watchman.

In view of the wound and sufferings the man had undergone, the Magistrate said he would be sent to prison for fourteen days.

BETTER TO DIE?

Dissatisfied with the treatment they received from the mistresses of three houses in which they were working at Lai-chikok, four Chinese servant girls entered into a compact to end their lives together and accordingly jumped into the harbour yesterday.

The attempt, however, failed owing to the presence of the sanitary barge, the coxswain of which promptly rescued the girls and handed them over to the police.

as suitable places for land planes are few and far between."

Commander Botved spoke hopefully of the schemes for developing passenger flight between Europe and the East. Regular flights to and across India were being proved daily more practicable and Sir Sefton Bracker's survey from London to Rangoon indicated, he thought, that still further development was contemplated.

Trans-Russia Route.

Questioned with regard to cabled news of Captain D'Oisy's expressed intention to fly from Paris to Tokyo across Russia, Commander Botved said that obviously that was the quicker way but until stations were established at points over those vast tracts of land, there was a decided element of risk attached to such a venture. He thought, however, that there must have been a mistake in the cable attributing to Captain D'Oisy the statement that he hoped to do it in five days.

Commander Botved's plans for his return flight are not definitely settled. He may return to Hongkong if he "hops off" from here and finds the ground satisfactory. He may, however, choose another route.

Commander Botved reached Canton, it is interesting to note, in 80 flying hours from Copenhagen, covering a distance of 15,000 kilometres. Needless to say, he slept "like a log" to use his own words when he arrived here.

Last night he stayed at the Peak Hotel and he was accompanied in his survey and preliminary arrangement tour this morning by Mr. W. J. Hansen and Capt. Karsten Larsen.

ON THE COUNCIL.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MEMBER.

MR. D. G. M. BERNARD.

Nominations closed on Wednesday for members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to sit on the Legislative Council, during the absence on leave from the Colony, of Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

A meeting has been called by the Chamber for this afternoon. Only one name has been submitted, that of Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, local head of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (proposed by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and seconded by Mr. A. H. Barlow), to represent the Chamber on the Council.

As there is only one candidate, there will be no election at today's meeting.

NOT TRUE.

K.C.R. TRAIN "RUNS OFF
RAILS."

IMAGINARY INCIDENT.

For the benefit of those who travel by the Kowloon-Canton Railway, the "China Mail" is able to state that there is no truth in a veracious report, that a train ran off the rails, on the British section, on April 12.

The report is that a train, with over 500 passengers, was proceeding from Kowloon to Sheungshui, and left the track about three miles from Lowu (to which point the Chinese trains from Canton now run).

On inquiry from the management, the "China Mail" learns that there has been a hitch whatever.

DOG BITES.

POLICE INSPECTOR'S SON
ATTACKED.

THREE OTHER CASES.

A European boy, the son of Sub-Inspector Bloor, was one of the victims of dog bites reported to the police yesterday, and he was treated at the Government Civil Hospital. The animal, owned by Mrs. Edmondson, of Wong Nei Chong Road, was sent to Kennedy Town.

Released a week ago after a period of observation, a dog owned by a Chinese at Lai-chikok Road again attacked a woman of that place and is now back at the camp. The woman received treatment at the Kwong Wah Hospital. A house coolie employed at No. 58, Robinson Road and a Chinese girl were bitten in two other cases. The dogs are under observation. In the latter case the animal had previously bitten several persons.

A DRY WEEK-END?

Rain is not mentioned in the Royal Observatory's forecast till noon to-morrow. It reads: East winds, moderate; overcast.

Although residents may think that "tons of rain" fell last night, the actual quantity in figures is only 1.39 inches (for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day). The total for the year is 19.64 inches against 8.60 inches (the average). The Observatory also says, inter alia: The anticyclone is central near Tokyo. Conditions over Indo-China are uncertain.

TO-MORROW'S WEDDING.

To-morrow afternoon at St. John's Cathedral, the wedding of Miss Rose H. H. Lau to Dr. S. F. Tan will be celebrated at 3 o'clock. Rev. Mr. T. B. Powell, assistant chaplain of the Cathedral, will officiate. Friends of the bride and bridegroom are specially invited to attend the ceremony at the Cathedral and also to attend the reception, which will be held afterwards, at 54, Robinson Road.

The return of notifiable diseases shows a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

PICKETS' DOINGS.

TWO JAPANESE SEAMEN
DETAINED.

"INSPECTOR" ARRESTED.

Two of the crew (Japanese) of a Japanese steamer in Canton harbour are reported to have been detained on Wednesday, only to be subsequently released on the representations of the captain.

These men are stated to have landed at Chow Tau Tsui (on Honam, opposite the city) to buy provisions. They were taken by pickets to their branch headquarters and closely questioned, says the report.

The captain confirmed their statement that they were merely obtaining ship's provisions, and they were released after a few hours.

On Tuesday, an "inspector" of the pickets, who was stationed at Samchun (the market town just beyond the British border, New Territories), was arrested by the military.

The report is that he was taken into custody by the colonel of the third regiment (stationed at Samchun), acting under orders from the officer commanding the second division. An allegation is that the inspector has been concerned with the smuggling of arms. He was taken to the second division headquarters in Canton. Representations by the Boycott Executive have been of no avail, says the report.

GAS MANTLES.

LIMITING RIVALRY WITH
GERMANY.

MANUFACTURERS' PACT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 15.

The Board of Trade states that it is informed that an agreement has been made between the Gas Mantle Trade Association, representing most of the British manufacturers, and the German Gas Mantle Convention and certain associated manufacturers in other countries.

Under the terms of that agreement German manufacturers and associated concerns will not sell mantles in this country and certain other parts of the British Empire, whilst British makers will not sell to the Continent of Europe and to the United States of America.

There are arrangements also in respect of other markets.

The agreement is for five years.

HARD HIT.

ARMOUR PLATE NOW A BACK
NUMBER.

VICKERS'S COMPLAINT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 15.

The small amount of warship construction in this country has had a serious effect upon firms such as Vickers, Ltd.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company, Mr. Douglas Vickers said that it appeared that their armour plating plant in Sheffield would be almost closed down for the year. The small cruisers allowed by the Washington Convention carried very little armour plate, and as far as could be seen the total requirement of the country would not keep one plant even half employed. There were five such plants in the country.

AIR MAILS.

FROM LONDON TO THE
CONTINENT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 15.

The General Post Office announces that on Monday next the following air mail routes will be re-opened—London-Hanover-Berlin and London-Hamburg-Copenhagen-Malmö.

WINES BUSINESS.

RESULTS OF MESSRS. GANDE,
PRICE & CO., LTD.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

A tribute to the able manner in which the staff had looked after the interests of the shareholders in spite of adverse circumstances and keen competition was paid by Mr. S. C. Pank, presiding at the nineteenth ordinary general meeting of Messrs. Gande, Price and Co., Ltd. held at noon to-day at No. 2, Ice House Street.

The chairman was supported by Messrs. Kenneth Chan and Leung Yan-po (directors), Mr. C. Bond (secretary), shareholders present being Messrs. Chow Tung-sang, Pang Kok-sui, Pang Kwok-fatt and D. Rumjahn.

Chairman's Speech.

The notice convening the meeting having been read by the secretary, the chairman said:—Gentlemen,—Before commencing the business before the meeting, I wish to express, on behalf of the directors, staff and shareholders, our deepest regret at the untimely death of our late chairman of directors Mr. C. H. Lyson. His valuable services to the company during his term of office, not only as a director but as a legal adviser, were of great assistance to his co-directors.

The report and statement of accounts for the year ending 1925 having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I propose with your permission to take them as read.

The net profit for the year under review is \$5,050.42, to which must be added the balance at Profit and Loss account brought forward from 1924 of \$218.96, making a total at credit of Profit and Loss account of \$5,269.38. This sum your directors, recommend should be appropriated as follows:—To pay a dividend of 25 cents per share on 18,105 shares, which will absorb \$4,526.25 and to carry forward the balance of \$743.13 to this year's account.

I regret to state, gentlemen, that our profits show a decrease on the previous year, but with the abnormal condition of things in China together with the very keen competition prevailing, what other results can we expect? I think you will agree with me that in spite of these adverse circumstances we have had a satisfactory year, and I am sure I am only voicing the sentiment of the shareholders when I say that the staff have in an able manner looked after our interests, especially in such strenuous times, and I hope with their continued co-operation and the early solution of the present situation, we shall have better results to place before you at the next annual meeting.

With these few remarks I have much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and after this have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions the shareholders may wish to ask.

There being no questions, Mr. Pang Kok-sui seconded the adoption of the report and accounts which was carried.

Business.

Proposed by Mr. Bond and seconded by Mr. D. Rumjahn, the meeting confirmed the appointment of Messrs. Kenneth Chan and Leung Yan-po as directors.

The chairman proposed the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors for the current year. This was agreed to on a seconder by Mr. Leung Yan-po.

Moving that the directors fees for the current year be fixed at the same level as last year, Mr. Bond remarked that they were on the right side of the balance sheet and the working had shown a profit. Seconded by Mr. Pang Kwok-fatt, this was approved by the meeting.

The chairman said this was all the business and that dividend warrants were ready.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/2 11/16.

"LUXITE"

Half Hose



"Luxite" Socks are cool and thin, but reinforced where the wear comes—tops, heels and toes stocked in White, Black, Silver Grey, Dark Grey, Brown, Tan, Champagne and Navy Blue.

FINE LISLE ... \$1.00
HEAVY SILK ... \$2.50

We allow 10% discount for Cash

MACKINTOSH

& CO., LTD.

Men's Wear Specialists.

Alcanta Building.

Des Vaux Road.

Those who deal with us may be assured of the following advantages:

AIR PRICES

FRESH STOCK

FINE QUALITY

ATHLETIC SERVICES

TOBACQUERIA FILIPINA

CORNS

"GETS-IT"

Ends Pain

In 3 Short Seconds

World's Fastest Way

No matter where it is, how bad it hurts, how long you've had it, or what kind of corn it is, "GETS-IT" will stop the pain in 3 seconds. All pain goes at a touch. Then the corn loosens up and goes away altogether. You walk, dance, wear tight shoes all you want. For your own sake try "GETS-IT". For sale everywhere. Costs very little.

"GETS-IT" Inc., Chicago, U.S.A.

NEW PUBLICATION

of

Wonderful London.

Lands & Peoples.

JUST ARRIVED

at

LEE YEE

No. 12, D'Aguiar Street,

HONGKONG.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK Via SUEZ.

S.S. "BOWES CASTLE" on or about 19th May

LLOYD TRIESTINO

REGULAR MONTHLY PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE (FIUME).

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO GENOA, ALL ITALIAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND DANUBE PORTS.

REDUCED PASSAGE RATES TO BRINDISI, VENICE OR TRIESTE.

"A" Class £72.10.0d. "B" Class £66.0.0d.

NEXT SAILINGS.

OUTWARDS FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI

S.S. "FIUME-L" 16th April

M.V. "VIMINALE" 5th May

HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE.

S.S. "FIUME-L" 12th May

M.V. "VIMINALE" 31st May

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

FROM CALCUTTA & COLOMBO TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

S.S. "UMSINGA" Sails from Calcutta 30th June

S.S. "UMSINGA" Sails from Colombo 12th July

Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports. Through Bills of Lading issued from Hongkong.

For Freight or Passage on any of the above Lines apply to:-

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Telephone Central 1030.

O. S. K.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.	
ALASKA MARU	Friday, 10th April.
AMUR MARU	Tuesday, 11th May.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTO & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	
M.S. LA PLATA MARU	Friday, 14th May.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.	
HAMBURG MARU	Monday, 19th April.
DURBAN—Via Singapore and Colombo.	
DELACOA MARU, RAY, BEIRA, BAR-EL-SALAM, ZANZIBAR & MEXICO MARU	Friday, 14th April.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.	
SEATTLE MARU	Friday, 25th April.
SANUKI MARU	Tuesday, 25th May.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Singapore and Japan Ports.	
ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai), Thursday, 6th May.	
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.	
HAGUE MARU (From Keelung), Thursday, 29th April.	
JAPAN PORTS.	
TACOMA MARU	Sunday, 18th April.
ANDES MARU	Monday, 19th April.
INDUS MARU	Saturday, 18th May.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.	
KAIJO MARU	Sunday, 18th April, at Noon.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 25th April, at Noon.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.	
KOTSU MARU	Thursday, 22nd April, at 10 a.m.
KOHRO MARU	Saturday, 17th April.
BATAVIA MARU	Wednesday, 21st April.
DAIREN via CHEFOO and TSINGTAU.	
KYODO MARU	End of April.

For further particulars please apply to—OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA. Tel. Central No. 4088, 4089, 4090. M. TAKEUCHI, Manager.

SCANDINAVIA & NORTH EUROPE

The M.S. "ASIA."

will be loading for Marseilles, Valencia, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen and other Scandinavian Ports on or about 25th March.

Further sailings:— Expected or about Will leave homeward-bonds on or about.

M.S. "JAVA" 25th April

M.S. "AFRIKA" 7th May

M.S. "MALAYA" 7th June

M.S. "PERU" 2nd July

Subject to change without notice.

For further particulars, apply to

JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD.

Agents for:

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

COPENHAGEN.

TELEPHONE HANDBOOK

(The Merchants' Friend)

NOW ON SALE

\$1 per Copy

5, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.**PROJECTED DEPARTURES.****TAKAO.**

Apr. 17.—O.S.K. Kohso Maru

21.—O.S.K. Batavia Maru

21.—O.S.K. Kotsu Maru

SWATOW.

Apr. 18.—O.S.K. Kijio Maru

21.—O.S.K. Kotsu Maru

21.—O.S.K. Hozan Maru

AMOY.

Apr. 20.—O.S.K. Anbei

20.—O.S.K. Ubona

21.—O.S.K. Hozan Maru

21.—O.S.K. Kotsu Maru

21.—O.S.K. Hozan Maru

SHANGHAI.

Apr. 17.—O.S.K. Suining

18.—P. & O. Eschgar

19.—N.Y.K. Doigong Maru

19.—B. I. Pailin

19.—J.O.L. Tiliwong

20.—O.S.K. Copean

20.—N.Y.K. Kano Maru

21.—N.Y.K. Shinyo Maru

21.—O.S.K. Yaching

21.—O.S.K. Linu

22.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley

22.—N.Y.K. Tjikombang

23.—N.Y.K. Navano Maru

23.—N.Y.K. Kotsu Maru

23.—N.Y.K. Kotsu Maru

23.—N.Y.K. Otsu Maru

23.—N.Y.K. Haruna Maru

23.—B. I. Legasi

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—N.Y.K. Siboria Maru

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

23.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

JAPAN PORTS, ETC.

Apr. 21.—Nanyo Y.K. Samarang Maru

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

21.—J.O.L. Tiki da-i

LAUNCH AFFRAY.

CAPTAIN'S STORY NOT YET AVAILABLE.

Five men lost their lives and at least four were wounded in the attack by rubber smugglers upon the launch "Simbang" off Pulau Pisang, in the Malacca Straits, in the early hours of the morning of April 7.

The captain of the launch, Mr. William C. Brown, who received a stab-wound in the back, underwent a serious operation in the General Hospital. Captain Brown was the only European on board, and will doubtless be able to give a more detailed and connected account of the occurrence than the police have been able to obtain so far from different members of the crew. Indeed one of the police informants admitted that he jumped overboard when the fighting commenced, and remained in the water until the smugglers left the launch.

WHAT SEARCH REVEALED.

How long the fight lasted, or how many of the attackers escaped, is not known, but the Bugis who was shot by the captain had three bullets in his body, and all six chambers of the captain's revolver were fired, so it is possible that other bullets took effect elsewhere.

There was a shotgun on board, but the crew, who were taken by surprise, were unable to use this weapon. No doubt precautions will be taken on the launches in future to make a repetition of this attack impossible. A blood-stained parang and scabbard were found on the launch when it was searched at Keppel Harbour.

Apparently the crew of the kotah numbered four Chinese and one Bugis, but there may have been more. The "Simbang" drew alongside the kotah, which had a quantity of rubber on board at 2.30 a.m., and immediately the smugglers swarmed on to the launch and attacked the crew with knives. The "Simbang's" searchlight was smashed at the outset, so that the struggle went on in the darkness. The serang and a lascar were killed and another lascar is missing. Two of the attackers were killed, one by the captain and the other by the crew. The captain, engineer, cook and jermudi were wounded.

THE SMUGGLERS' ESCAPE.

It will thus be seen that out of the "Simbang's" crew of nine only two escaped injury. The Chinese greaser came through the fight unscathed, and one of the lascars jumped overboard and swam about until the smugglers left.

A launch which went out after the kotah during the night saw no signs of her in the Straits between Batu Pahat and Singapore. Inquiries are being made by the Johore police, but the smugglers, assuming they got back to their boat safely, could have landed anywhere along the Johore coast during the night.

Mrs. Trowley: "Is Mr. Hutton, to whom you have engaged yourself, a man of means?"

Sensible daughter: "Yes, mother. He means all he says, and that's the sort of husband I want."

AMERICAN FAR EAST LINE TO SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES.

S.S. "WEST IVAN" 23rd April.

TO MANILA, CEBU AND ILOILO.

S.S. "ELKBRIDGE" 25th April.

United States Shipping Board.

STROTHERS & BARRY, Managing Operators.

L. EVERETT, INC. General Agents.

Phone C. 3008, 1st floor, Queen's Bldg.

PORTLAND.

Apr. 18.—U.S.S.B. Las Vegas

30.—U.S.S.B. Dawag

LOS ANGELES & S. FRANCISCO.

Apr. 18.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan

May 29.—N.Y.K. Bokuyo Maru

SAN FRANCISCO.

Apr. 21.—N.Y.K. Shinyo Maru

24.—N.Y.K. Sibo la Maru

24.—N.Y.K. Sibo la Maru

24.—N.Y.K. Sibo la Maru

24.—N.Y.K. Sibo la Maru

Gilbey's celebrated London DRY GIN.

Distilled and Bottled by
W. & A. GILBEY
By Royal Appointment to His Majesty The King.

Sole Agents:
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Wine and Spirit Merchants
Phone Central 616.

PURICO

100% PURE

MADE FROM PURE VEGETABLE FAT.

Endorsed by the highest Medical Authorities

PURICO is the purest edible product known to medical science. It is a vegetable lard of absolute purity and wholesomeness, manufactured entirely from coconuts. Delicious, appetising, smooth, creamy, and snow-white in colour, it is unrivalled in any respect for all cooking purposes.

Packed conveniently in:—1½ lb. and 30 lb. tins.

Obtainable from all store and com-
pradores both in Hongkong and Kowloon.

Sole Agents:

KELLER, KERN & CO., LTD.

Shaving is a necessary evil, but reduce that
evil as much as possible by
using

**COLGATE'S SHAVING
SOAP.**

For Your Teeth's sake use
COLGATE'S RIBBON DENTAL CREAM
Sole Agents

HONGKONG TRADING CO., LTD.

LEE GARDEN.

(EAST POINT)

TEA DANCES

Every
SATURDAY 4.00—7.00 p.m.
Tables can be booked. \$1 per couple, tea included.

THE BEST SCENES IN CHINA'S HISTORY AND ART
HAVE BEEN REPRODUCED IN THIS GREAT PARK.
ALSO VARIOUS SIDE SHOWS.

OPEN 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. English speaking guides for
Europeans by arrangement. Private parties for exclusive,
plain Chinese dinners can be fixed without notice. Trams
stop at entrance. Motors can go up to dancing hall door.

Tel. C. 2244.

JAMES S. MCKENZIE,
Manager.

For The Coming Races

GOERZ CAMERAS BINOCULARS

The Best in the world
NEW STOCK JUST ARRIVED
HALL, LAW & CO. LTD.

Telephone 3217

80-82 Des Vaux Road C.

HONGKONG'S BEST VALUE MOUTRIE PIANOS

More Moutrie Pianos are sold in
Hongkong than any other make.

WHY:

DEPENDABILITY
REASONABLE PRICE

Catalogue on request.

S. MOUTRIE & CO., LTD.
Chater Road.

The China Mail

(Every evening except Sunday.
Annual subscription, excluding
postage abroad, H.K. \$38, payable
in advance. Local delivery free.)

Overland China Mail

(The weekly edition of the "China
Mail." Annual subscription, H.K.
\$15 including postage \$15, payable
in advance.)

Published by

The Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd.

Printers & Publishers

No. 5, WYNDHAM ST., HONGKONG

Telephone Central 22 & 4641.

Cable Address:—Mail, Hongkong.

All communications should be
addressed to The Newspaper Enterprise,
Limited, to whom all remittances
should be made payable.

London Office:—The Far Eastern
Advertising Agency (London),
Ltd., 24, Devonshire Street,
Bloomsbury, W.C.1.

Hongkong, Friday, April 16, 1926.

THOSE STATISTICS.

Recently the "Straits Times" devoted a column and a half to an editorial eulogising the value of trade statistics to the Straits Settlements. More recently the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australasia discussed the Commonwealth statistics and made a plea for certain reforms with a view to securing their greater utility to the commerce of that country. Here we are still content to go on as we have been since the Statistical Department ceased to function, and there seems nobody strong enough in the Government Service to insist that it be re-opened. The Colony may not exactly yearn for a Mussolini or a Pangalos; but there are some respects in which the people of Italy and Greece are almost to be envied. Both these gentlemen have a mind of their own and they have the pluck (or "nerve," as some describe it) to see that they get their own way. Dictators need not necessarily always be tyrannical and ruthless in their methods. A little benevolent autocracy may sometimes be welcomed if only as a change from a monotonous regime that lacks verve, and is seemingly afraid to reverse a decision proved to be inimical to the interests of the community.

The General Chamber of Commerce has expressed its opinion in favour of the re-opening of the Statistics Office, whilst the Chinese Chamber is apparently half-hearted. Meanwhile, until the Government considers both views the arrears of statistics are getting further behind, and valuable ground is being rapidly lost. Before the strike commenced, the value of the Statistics Office was not taken into account from the mere point of view of expenditure. It was just swept away in the first flush of enthusiasm over the retrenchment campaign. If its re-opening now is not justified, its existence up to the middle of last year could not possibly be defended. But it is conceded on all sides that it did do valuable work, and not even a Government official would admit that the expenditure on it was money wasted. In these days of keen international competition a country without statistics is surely inviting that state of lethargy that leads to decay in all that affects its trade.

Present conditions in respect of Canton cannot continue. No one is more aware of that than the authorities in this Colony. Why not, then, anticipate the future just a little and be prepared for that resuscitation of trade that must follow in the wake of a truce between Hongkong and Canton? To express it in other words, why permit the Canton embargo on British trade to interfere with the consideration of the re-opening of the Statistics Office?

Since the annual meeting of the General Chamber of Commerce the subject has lain dormant, doubtless awaiting a meeting of the Legislative Council. But, in view of the interest that undoubtedly exists in the matter it may be suggested that the Government should make some pronouncement on the subject even before the Council sits again.

RICKSHAS.

It is remarkable the number of people who persist deliberately in not seeing the wood for the trees. Here is an individual—if not fashioned as a god—entitled to claim that God made man in his own image. Yet this person will see what is known as "red," if the word indicating Hongkong's ancient road vehicle is not spelt as he thinks it should be. Jinrikisha it probably is. Ricksa, ricksa, ricksa, it may be, but there is only one way—and that is his. Talk to this type of person about the social conditions attached to the calling of a puller of humanity, and he is found uninterested. Having written in full sympathy with a class who perform a most useful function, it is not likely at this late hour of the day, that we shall take back what we have said. Our strictures, if any, are towards those who control the ricksa traffic. There are, for instance, rules governing in what manner a ricksa may be used. It is ordinarily licensed to convey human beings. There is a rule we believe that prohibits the conveyance of "sides" of meat and articles of food in large quantities. And yet how often does one see a vehicle so used! We think another rule should be added, and that is to prohibit a ricksa being used to convey a person suffering from an infectious illness. How often this happens, we know not. But the spectacle is fairly common of poor sufferers, looking lost to this world, being taken to some place, presumably for treatment. We have full sympathy with the lot of those unable to secure and pay for an ambulance; but it should not be difficult for a simple method to be devised that would cater for those who need to be taken to hospital. The matter does not appear to have been thought of. Here then is a further opportunity for the sympathetic to demonstrate their sympathy, or for the Police department to devise a plan which will prevent possible contamination and consequent suffering by those who may use an "unclean" ricksa.

Waiter: "Yes, sir, we're very up-to-date. Everything here is cooked by electricity."
"Dinner?" Then I wonder if you would mind giving this steak another shock?

MR. SUN FO.

LEAVING FOR THE NORTH AGAIN.

A POLITICAL MISSION?

Mr. Sun Fo, Minister for Reconstruction in Canton, arrived in the Colony yesterday, to tranship for Shanghai.

It is variously stated that Mr. Sun Fo's trip is connected with a political mission, and that he has again obtained "leave" from the Canton Government to go North.

Mr. Fu Ping-kwan is also a visitor. He is stated to have come here merely to bid farewell to Mr. Sun Fo. Mr. Fu is a brother of Fu Ping-sheng, the Canton Commissioner of Foreign Affairs and Superintendent of Customs.

BUDDING ORATORS.

"TOAST NIGHT" AT THE Y.M.C.A.

ENJOYABLE EVENING.

Useful training for public speaking was provided to members of the European Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon last night, the opportunity being given by means of a "toast night," some speeches being given in the course of an enjoyable dinner and social evening.

The Rev. J. H. Johnson was chairman.

Mr. J. H. Hunt, who responded to the toast of the Y.M.C.A., found a particularly good hearing. He referred to the apathy noticeable at times in Hongkong and to the fact that we were inclined to centre the whole of our interest in the Colony. It should be remembered, he said, that Hongkong was merely a corner of a fascinating world and although the Colony was of great importance it was merely a part of a great whole. He appealed to members to take a broad outlook on life, to think less of trifles and more of things which had greater significance.

The toast to which Mr. Hunt responded was proposed by Mr. P. Sands, others being

"Our Colony," proposed by Mr. W. J. Kaats, and replied to by Mr. W. L. Walker; "The Services," submitted by Mr. J. H. Bottomley, and replied to by Mr. D. E. Evans; "Our Cantonese Class," was submitted by Mr. R. Murray, and replied to by Mr. E. W. Raiton; "The Debating Club" was submitted by Mr. J. C. Long, and replied to by Mr. E. W. Harmon; "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. J. Petrie, and responded to by the Rev. T. B. Powell; while the "Chairman" was proposed by Mr. E. G. Sewell, and responded to by the Rev. J. Horace Johnson, who gave an excellent speech. The last toast of the evening was "To The Folks at Home," submitted by Dr. G. W. Hollings, and replied to by Mr. H. T. Buxton.

LEPER WORK.

A HONGKONG AUXILIARY?

Mr. W. M. Danner, (General Secretary of the American Mission to Lepers, Inc.) and Mr. J. L. McPherson (General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A.) were the guests of a luncheon given at the Kah Fing Restaurant on Wednesday last by a body of young Chinese professional and business gentlemen interested in cultural and social matters, who meet regularly to discuss and engage in such things. Dr. Arthur Woo presided and an interesting address was given by Mr. Danner, dealing with the work of the Mission to Lepers. Mr. Danner spoke of what had been done, what was being done, and urged that a local Auxiliary should be established in Hongkong.

As result of Mr. Danner's address, it was decided to invite Dr. Wu, Secretary of the Shanghai Auxiliary, to come to Hongkong to address a meeting.

KRASSIN ILL.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION AT NICE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 15.
It is reported from Nice that M. Krassin has had a most successful operation in a nursing home, and has had transfusion of blood.

COAL DEADLOCK.

MINERS INTERVIEW PRIME MINISTER.

SPECIAL CABINET MEETING.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 15.
After sitting privately for over an hour this morning the Executive of the Miners' Federation met Mr. Baldwin at No. 10, Downing Street, at noon, when, it is understood, the miners informed the Prime Minister that in their view a deadlock was reached.

PREMIER MOVES.

Coal Owners May Be Summoned.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 15.

The coal situation underwent a further development to-day. The Executive of the Miners' Federation was received at Downing Street by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Labour as Secretary for Mines, and a discussion took place on the difficulties which have arisen in connection with the coal owners' proposals for district negotiations.

The Prime Minister thereupon undertook to get into touch with the coal owners' Association as soon as possible, and asked the miners' Executive to be available early next week for further discussions.

It is understood that the Prime Minister will call the coal owners into conference in the course of the day.

Hope for Resumption.

In the afternoon the Miners' Executive met the Industrial Committee of the Trades Union Congress and reported the result of their interview with the Prime Minister.

A communication was subsequently issued, in which the hope was expressed that as a result of the miners' meeting with the Prime Minister an early resumption of the negotiations with the coal owners would be possible.

As, however, it was not anticipated that anything definite on this point would be known until early next week the Miners' Executive and the Industrial Committee of the Trades Union Congress would not meet again until next Wednesday morning, unless some development occurred in the meantime.

Subsequently Mr. Herbert Smith and Mr. A. J. Cook, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Miners' Federation, left for Brussels to attend to-morrow's meeting of the Executive of the Miners' International.

Cabinet Meets.

This evening there was a special meeting of the Cabinet to consider the situation.

As a result of the Prime Minister's intervention the situation is regarded in political circles as having taken a hopeful turn.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

GERMANY TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.

TO CONSIDER COMPOSITION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, April 15.

The League Secretariat has received a German Note agreeing to participate in the committee appointed to study the composition of the Council and the method of election, reserving freedom in its decision as regards entry into the League of Nations.

BAGDAD SAVED.

BREACH IN THE BANK NOW REPAIRED.

THOUSANDS OF SAND BAGS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bagdad, April 15.

The capital is no longer endangered.

The breach in the bank of the Tigris has been repaired, 1,000 men dropping thousands of sand bags into the river from barges.

LORD READING.

TO RECEIVE THE FREEDOM OF LONDON.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 15.

At a meeting of the Corporation of the City of London it was decided to confer the Freedom of the City on Lord Reading in recognition of his distinguished services as Viceroy of India.

LAND BOOM.

NEW STREETS AFTER U.S. PRESIDENTS.

A MAYOR'S OBJECTION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Ottawa, April 15.

A small land boom has started at Bridgeburg, Ontario, as the result of work beginning on the Buffalo-Porter bridge, but the Mayor has held up the operations, strongly objecting to name new streets after American Presidents. He says that this impressive Americanisation is about a mile and a half too far West.

BOOTLEG HOOTCH.

MAKING PLAIN AND FANCY WHISKIES.

FLAVOURING EXTRACTS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 15.

All sorts of stills, corn sugar, and flavouring extracts used in the manufacture of "bootleg hootch" figured in the Prohibition Committee's proceedings to-day.

Senator Reed ocularly demonstrated the making of plain and fancy whisky.

Meantime Prohibition is the main subject of debate in both houses of Congress. Senator Borah startled the Senate by an impassioned plea for the maintenance of the present law unamended.

The Senators broke tradition by applauding Senator Borah's assertion that the whole movement for the modification of the law is engineered by the opponents of reform, who, despairing of a repeal of Prohibition, are now seeking to nullify and sterilise its terms whilst professing to respect it.

FRENCH FINANCE.

INCREASE IN PERMANENT TAX REVENUE.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, April 15.

The total revenue returns for March are 2,123,903,700 francs.

The yield of normal permanent taxes is 2,063,432,800 francs, showing an increase of 83,553,900 francs compared with March, 1925.

INDISPOSED.

COOLIDGE CANCELS HIS ENGAGEMENTS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 15.

President Coolidge is suffering from mild indigestion, and has cancelled to-day's engagements.

BOY'S GOOD TURN.

PRODUCES 790,741 SCOUTS IN AMERICA.

How a London Boy's good turn was the direct cause of producing 790,741 Boy Scouts in the U. S. is told in a recent issue of the "Scouts Weekly News." About eighteen years ago Mr. W. D. Boyce, the American publisher was in London. Caught in a fog in the neighbourhood of Fleet Street, Mr. Boyce was conducted to his hotel by a newsboy, who happened to be a member of a Scout Troop. When Mr. Boyce offered the boy a tip he was greatly astonished and impressed when the boy saluted and told him that as a Scout he had to do at least one good turn a day and he was unable to accept a present.

Mr. Boyce was so impressed that he had a conference with Sir Robert Baden-Powell and as a result, upon his return to America, he proposed a Boy Scout organisation based upon the lines of the British Boy Scout movement. He finally succeeded in enlisting the help of friends in Washington and in due course an organisation known as the Boy Scouts of America was formed and on February 8, 1910, Federal Incorporation was granted by special Act of Congress.

As a direct result of the London boy's good deed, says the "China Press," there are now three-quarters of a million American Scouts and the movement is still growing.

RUB A GOOD LINIMENT.

RUB Chamberlain's Pain Balm on the painful spots. It is penetrating, starts up the circulation which carries the congestion and pressure, it causes the pain. That is how it helps rheumatic pains, lumbago, backache, neuralgia, swollen, aching joints and muscles. Sold and recommended everywhere.

KUOMINCHUN OUT!

ALLIED TROOPS NOW CONTROL PEKING.

TUAN CHI-JUI RETURNS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 15.

The Kuominchun has evacuated the city.

The Chinese allied troops have taken over control.

Tuan Chi-jui has returned to the Presidential Palace and resumed his functions.

Tsao Kun has gone to the Legation quarter.

What The Position Is.

Shanghai, April 16.

A Hankow message of April 14 says that a conference at headquarters the previous evening decided to treat with the Kuominchun under no other conditions than absolute and unconditional surrender.

A telegram was subsequently received by Wu Pei-fu from Chang Tso-lin stating that the Kuominchun was to evacuate half the city between Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu.

The telegram further stated that the capture of Peking and the destruction of Bolshevism were absolutely assured.

Wu Pei-fu has replied that already on several occasions, he had made it perfectly clear that he had no intention whatever of treating with the Kuominchun; neither had he vouchsafed an answer to Lu Chung-lin's telegram; and orders have been issued to the troops to move on towards the capture of Peking.

Earlier Developments.

Peking, April 13.

Mr. Chiu Teh-yao, as Premier, sent a Note to the Senior Minister this morning saying that General Lu Chung-lin at midnight on the 10th instant, surrounded with soldiers, the mansion of the Chief Executive and the Cabinet offices; consequently the Government was prevented from carrying out its functions and the General Administration had been brought to a standstill.

The Premier particularly draws attention to the fact that, Tuan Chi-jui is being threatened by tyrannical force and is unable therefore to carry out his duties, but has not indicated his intention to resign. Tuan has telegraphed to the provinces instructing the officials to maintain order in their respective spheres adding that from the date of this notification all orders, or documents purporting to emanate from the Government must be disregarded.

Firstly, to the fact that, Tuan Chi-jui is being threatened by tyrannical force and is unable therefore to carry out his duties, but has not indicated his intention to resign. Tuan has telegraphed to the provinces instructing the officials to maintain order in their respective spheres adding that from the date of this notification all orders, or documents purporting to emanate from the Government must be disregarded.

Secondly, attention is drawn to the fact that the extraordinary action on the part of Lu Chung-lin has not met with the support of the provincial authorities and military leaders having the welfare of the nation at heart. It is stated that Tuan expects action to be taken to check this illegal movement and there is every probability that the existing Government system will be restored.

Premier Chia Teh-yao is also taking refuge in the Legation Quarter.

Heavy Fighting.

Tientsin, April 15.

Heavy fighting is going on in the vicinity of Tientsin, where the allies are continuing their hitherto unsuccessful efforts to break through the Kuominchun lines.

The fighting seems to consist largely of artillery, machine-gun and rifle duels with frequent infantry raids, generally made by Russians. Many of these Russians have been brought to Tientsin wounded.

Generals Chang Hsueh-liang, Chang Tsung-chang and Chu Yu-pu have gone to Langfang to supervise the offensive against the Kuominchun at Ruangsun.

No mails have been received here from the Capital for the past three days. It is understood that the Post Office is endeavouring to arrange communications via Pao-tungfu.

Railway Monopolised.

Peking, April 15.

The Allies interrupted the mail and passenger traffic on the road to Tientsin and there have been no mails for three days.

The military are monopolising the Peking-Hankow Railway, and 8,000 of Chin Yun-ao's troops at Pao-tungfu are awaiting transportation to the North.

Wu Pei-fu's agent, Keng Nai-hsi, went to Hankow this morning, accompanied by Lu Chung-lin's delegate, Meng Chi-chung, who interviewed Wu Pei-fu.

Prior to his departure, Keng called on Tsao Kun, who asserted it was necessary for Wu Pei-fu to come to Peking to straighten affairs.

Wang Shih-chen and the peace-makers received a telegram from Chang Tso-lin saying that the Fengtien plans cannot cease the attack unless the Kuominchun entirely evacuates Peking.

Further fighting took place

VOLCANO ERUPTS.

SPECTACLE IN SANDWICH ISLANDS.

GREAT ILLUMINATION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Hilo (Sandwich Islands), April 15.

A volcano on Marna Lao spectacularly erupted last night, streams of lava descending 12,800 feet from the crater, flowing toward the forest and villages in the Kau district.

The flow illuminated the entire island and was visible to ships at sea.

IN THE AIR.

PROSPECTS OF FRANCO-GERMAN CONVENTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 15.

In connection with the "Quotidien's" report cable yesterday, it appears that whilst an agreement was reached in regard to the establishment of air lines, there are still difficulties in regard to the rules to be laid down.

A conference of Ambassadors has taken place with a view to discriminating between military and commercial aviation, on which Germany is demanding a revision of rules, so as to allow ex-officers of the German Air Force to be employed in commercial aviation.

It is hoped that a solution will shortly be reached and a convention signed.

Yesterday on both fronts in which the Kuominchun at least held its own. The booming of guns was heard all night long, but the panic died down, and Peking was orderly.

Armistice Urged.

Peking, April 15.

Wang Shih-chen has telegraphed to Chang Tsung-chang, Chu Yu-pu and Chang Hsueh-liang, urging an armistice and a definition of the neutral zone, around which fighting by troops shall not be permitted and adding that if they agree the Kuominchun will evacuate Peking.

He also telegraphed to Wu Pei-fu, Sun Chuan-fang and Yen Hsi-shan, urging them to support his proposals.

WU'S PRICE.

Peng and Bolshevism To Go.

Peking, April 14.

As a counter move against the revival of Chang Tso-lin's influence in North China, some influential personages are working hard in the hope of bringing about co-operation between the Kuominchun and the Chihli party. But it is reported in reliable circles that Wu Pei-fu demands the following as price of collaboration:

1.—Full control of the Peking-Hankow Railway.

2.—The garrisoning of Peking by Kuominchun and Chihli troops.

3.—The restoration of Constitution.

4.—The permanent retirement of Feng Yu-hsiang from the Chinese political stage.

5.—The suppression of Bolshevism in China.

General Wong Lai-mao, director of the Ching-Han Railway, and General Ho Shui, acting commander-in-chief of the 3rd Kuominchun army, met General Tien Wei-ching, commander of Wu Pei-fu's army, and General Shang Cheng, commander of the Shansi army, at Pao-tungfu last Monday; but it remains to be seen whether the Kuominchun leaders can accept the above-mentioned demands. Hence, it is premature to talk about Kuominchun-Chihli co-operation.

It is stated that Wu Pei-fu and his supporters are rather dissatisfied about the recovery of Jehol, Chihli and Shantung by the Fengtien party without providing a "Tupan," or base of operations, for General Chin Kun-ao in one of these provinces. Furthermore, it is reported that during the recent special conference of Fengtien leaders at Tangshan, presided over by Chang Tso-lin, there was no representative of Wu Pei-fu.

Taking advantage of the delicate situation, the leaders of the First Kuominchun army are endeavouring to break the Fengtien-Chihli accord by offering attractive political concessions to Wu Pei-fu's adherents. Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is reported to be acting as a mediator between Wu Pei-fu and the Kuominchun in the hope of completing his original anti-Fengtien plans. Fresh developments are expected in the Chinese situation shortly. —Asia News Agency.

LOWER FREEBOARD.

CONFERENCE ASSENTS TO U.S. DESIRE.

BRITISH REVISION?

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 14.

The International Shipping Conference has adopted a resolution in favour of a lower freeboard for United States vessels in accordance with American desires. A report on this subject recommended a reduction of 15 per cent. reduction in the freeboard.

The American delegate, Mr. James Kennedy, said that that the owners' recognised that each vessel should be dealt with on its merits.

Sir Kenneth Anderson (Great Britain) said that the British Government was considering a revision of the existing load line regulations.

Mr. Robert Hands (United States) said he understood that the House of Representatives would shortly provide for new regulations, which would affect all ships sailing from America.

State-owned Shipping.

Mr. Louis Franck, reporting on the recent Diplomatic Maritime Conference at Brussels, over which he presided, referred, inter alia, to the discussion of immunity of State-owned shipping from claims in respect of collisions and otherwise, also freedom from seizure and arrest. Private owners objected and urged a uniform law for the States engaged in commercial shipping.

He stated that an agreement had been reached in Brussels to which the Japanese delegates had not subscribed pending communication with their Government. The text of the Treaty would shortly be issued, but he could not divulge its details, but he assured the Conference that there was nothing in it which conflicted with the views of any Admiralty or hindered any country in the event of war.

Safety Life at Sea.

London, Later.

The International Shipping Conference adopted a resolution dealing with matters affecting the safety life at sea.

The resolution noted with pleasure that Great Britain will shortly call a Diplomatic Conference to revise the Convention in this regard. It also noted with alarm the increasing practice of sending out signals of distress unwarrantably.

It called on all Governments to co-operate immediately in checking this dangerous abuse.

Double Taxation.

A resolution was adopted in favour of an international plan for the avoidance of all double taxation. Emphasis was also laid on the necessity for and difficulties of compiling different returns.

RUSSO-GERMAN PACT

"NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF LOCARNO."

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, April 15.

It would appear that the new Russo-German treaty, as to which negotiations are proceeding, contains both economic and political clauses, and with regard to military action it is neutral and negative, rather than offensive and defensive.

The newspapers express surprise at the excitement in the foreign Press over the negotiations, which they declare to be the natural consequence of the Locarno agreements. They emphasise that in view of her geographical position it is essential that Germany should have good relations east and west alike, while determined not to be drawn wholly into either the western or eastern orbit of policy.

Meanwhile reports from the Baltic States show considerable nervousness with regard to the possible effect of the treaty on the border States of Russia.

No Secret Clauses.

London, April 15.

It is understood from a trustworthy source that there is no truth in the report that the impending Russo-German Treaty will contain any secret neutrality clauses.

The German Government is very frank about the negotiations since these were initiated. It has given the British Government very definite assurances that the Treaty is primarily economic and does not conflict with the Locarno Treaties or the Covenant of the League of Nations.

It is believed that the Soviet is considerably disappointed at being unable to persuade Germany to give the Treaty a political complexion. Soviet circles are now trying to magnify the importance of the Treaty.

UNRULY LABOUR.

SCENES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

UNLUCKY THIRTEEN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 15.

The Commons rose at 3.7 this morning after sitting over 18 hours. Hitherto, they passed four clauses of the Economy Bill in 36 hours, but there are 22 clauses besides and four schedules. The Opposition made two further attempts at obstruction, but the Speaker announced he would devise procedure to deal with the unusual circumstances and consult the Premier with a view to an amendment in the standing orders.

Joking and Singing.

Later.

In the House of Commons, an extraordinary situation developed at six this morning when after an all-night debate the Committee on the Economy Bill resulting in a suspension of thirteen Labour members owing to the invention of an entirely new method of obstruction.

Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Wheatley and eleven others in a division on a Labour motion adjourned the debate, and remained in the Aye Lobby, joking and singing for over half an hour, delaying the whole business.

Ministers and the Chairman of Committees consulted at length and finally called the Speaker.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, amid a Labour uproar, moved the suspension of thirteen Labour members.

Labour Opposition thereupon adopted the same tactics, but after another half an hour's delay, the Speaker ordered the tellers to report the figures which showed that the motion had been carried by 163 to 76. Thereupon thirteen were ordered to withdraw, and the business was resumed.

Another Uproar.

London, April 15.

A recrudescence of the uproar in the House of Commons to-night culminated in Mr. J. H. Thomas (Labourite, Derby) announcing his intention to move a vote of censure on the Deputy Speaker.

The Government applied the closure to a Labourite motion opposing the Government's proposal to transfer a surplus of £1,100,000 from the Services Insurance Fund to the Treasury, in regard to which the Opposition displayed much feeling.

Mr. Thomas heatedly accused the Government of "scandalous behaviour."

An excited discussion on points of procedure ensued, after which Mr. Thomas solemnly stated that he proposed to take the necessary steps to ask the House to express its opinion of the Deputy Speaker's "partial and biased conduct."

Thereafter the matter was temporarily dropped.

POLAR RACE.

DIRGIBLE ENTERS A MIST ZONE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Stockholm, April 15.

The dirigible Norge has sent a message to Vaxholm Wireless Station stating she entered a zone of mist extending almost all over the country side. She was unable to tell her position, but thought she was taking the right direction.

Lands at Gatchina.

Helsingfors, April 15.

The Norge landed at Gatchina, 38 miles south of Leningrad, at 7.30 p.m. to-day.

PEKING COLLEGE.

APPEAL BY CATHOLIC BISHOP.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, April 15.

Several papers stress the work of Bishop Fabregues in China. In the "Echo de Paris," Bishop Fabregues makes an appeal for money subscriptions for a college he intends to found at Peking.

FALLING FRANC.

ANOTHER LOW RECORD IN LONDON.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 15.

The French franc has marked a new low record, closing very weak at 144.

ON HOLIDAY.

PRINCE OF WALES FOR BIARRITZ.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 15.

The Prince of Wales has gone to Biarritz.

NEW HOUSES.

REMARKABLE RECORD FOR BRITAIN.

BEATS THE WORLD.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 15.

Speaking at the opening of the building exhibition at Olympia Sir Kingsley Wood, Under-Secretary of State for Health, said that according to the latest figures the total number of new houses provided in this country since the war up to March 1, was 6,002,724. This was a really remarkable record, exceeded by no country in the world. No fewer than 3,074,418 had been built by private enterprise.

Last year the largest number of houses ever built in one year in this country were constructed. They numbered 1,069,026, of which 1,026,936 were built by private enterprise.

They looked forward to an even better record next year.

SOVIET AND FINNS.

BATT FOR NON-AGGRESSION TREATIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Helsingfors, April 15.

The Soviet representative has verbally informed the Finnish Foreign Ministry that the Soviet is ready to negotiate separate non-aggression treaties with Finland and the Baltic States of Poland, including the provisions under which the contracting parties undertake to remain neutral in the event of another Power attacking any of them.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 16—Queen's Theatre: "The Last Laugh."

April 16—Star Theatre: "The Blind Bargain."

April 16—World Theatre: "The Marriage Market."

April 16—K.C.C. hold its final dance at Hongkong Hotel, 8.30 p.m. to midnight.

April 23—Theatre Royal: a vocal and instrumental concert under the auspices of the St. George's Society 9.15 p.m.

May 7—Smoking Concert at Volunteer Headquarters and distribution of prizes won at recent Corps Rifle Meeting, 9.15 p.m.

Sports:

April 16—Local Hockey, H.K.H.C. "Wanderers" v. "C" Company, E/Survey Regiment, at U.S.R.C., 5.30 p.m.

April 16—Return (Chess) Match at University Union, 5.30 p.m.

April 17—Shield finals, Junior and Senior Divisions, H.K.F.C. Ground.

April 17—Volunteer Cricket at University ground, 2.15 p.m.

April 21—Fifth bi-annual ship's lifeboat race for the "Trevesa" Trophy, 4 p.m.

April 24—Final round in "Sunday Herald" Cup, between Portugal and England, on H.K.F.C. ground, 4.45 p.m.

April 24—Annual athletic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club.

May 1—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Auctions:

April 17—At Lammet Bros.' Sales Room, medicines, toilet sets and toys, etc., noon.

April 17—At Godown No. 6, The H.K. and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, Lammet Bros. will auction miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

April 21—Auction of household furniture at No. 10 Eastern House (top floor) Hart Avenue, Kowloon, by Lammet Bros., 2.45 p.m.

Company Meetings:

April 22—Forty-eighth meeting of shareholders of China Sugar Refining Co., in the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at noon.

April 22—Second meeting of the Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., at the Registered Offices of the Company, Powell's Building, 2nd floor, 3 p.m.

April 24—Fourth meeting of shareholders of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Royal Building, Ice House Street, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous:

April 18—Meeting of members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce in the City Hall, 4 p.m.

April 18—Public lecture on "The Destruction of Heligoland" by Mr. P. R. Warren, M. Inst. C. E., in the great hall of the University, 9 p.m.

April 19—Meeting of unit representatives for Athletic Sports Meeting in lecture room at Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

April 26—Meeting of Peak Residents at the Peak Club, 6 p.m.

WHY?

Is Mac's Cafeteria becoming more popular every day? Because of the augmented service and catering facilities. You can obtain the finest assortment of French Pastries, and fancy cakes. Wedding and Birthday cakes made at the shortest notice. Chocolates, Bon Bons, and the finest selection of Biscuits made fresh daily.

MAC'S CAFETERIA SODA FOUNTAIN

With the advent of the warm weather you will find it very refreshing to call into Mac's and order a cool drink.

The soda fountain is open from 8 a.m. till midnight daily, and all kinds of Sundaes, and Ice Cream Sodas can be served hygienically and tastefully which is synonymous of Mac's. Call in on your way home from the Movies.

THE POPULAR BUSINESS TIFFIN

From 12 noon to 2.30

\$1.20

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

ENGLISH RECORDS

"BETTY IN MAYFAIR"

3835 {TWO HEARTS ... DUET
I'VE GOT A SECRET ... SOLO AND CHORUS

3837 {DREAM LAND LOVER ... SOLO
GRANDMAMA'S DAYS ... DUET

3839 {DANCING ... SOLO AND CHORUS
IN DAYS OF OLD ... DUET

"MERCENARY MARY"

3897 {I AM THINKING OF YOU ... DUET
HONEY IM IN LOVE ...

3899 {MERCENARY MARY ... SOLO AND CHORUS
TIE A STRING ... SOLO

39.0 {NOTHING LEFT TO LIVE FOR ... SOLO
OVER MY SHOULDER ... SOLO AND CHORUS

AT

ANDERSON'S.

MARTINI & ROSSI

ITALIAN VERMOUTH

ITALY'S GIFT TO THE WORLD

SOLE AGENTS.—CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., LTD.

Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances of Hongkong.

THE QUEEN'S MOTOR BOAT CO., LTD.

Queen's Statue Pier.

MOTOR BOATS FOR HIRE

DAY AND NIGHT

MODERATE CHARGES

Office:—64, Connaught Road C, 1st floor. Tel. C. 459.

LIQUEUR VIEILLE CURE

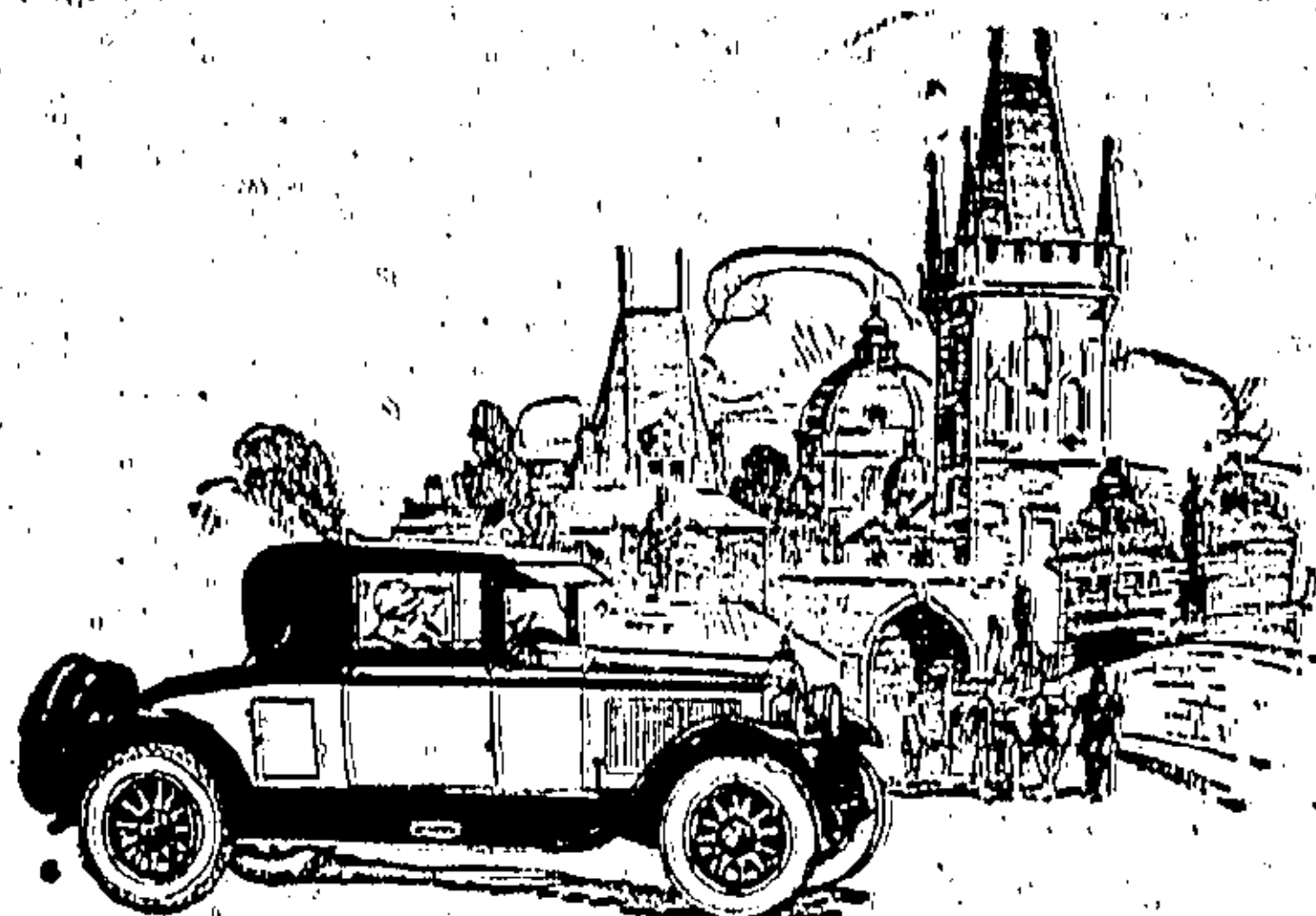


Le Client qui me la demande est toujours un Gourmet!

LA GLOIRE DES GRANDES LIQUEURS FRANÇAISES

CEN

LOCAL AND GENERAL.



WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT,
BUICK WILL BUILD THEM.

Again
Buick
has built
a better
Automobile

SEE IT AT

HONGKONG & KOWLOON TAXICAB CO., LTD.
BUICK SHOW ROOMS.

G. FALCONER & CO. (HONGKONG) LTD.

DIAMOND MERCHANTS
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS
Union Building (Opposite G.P.O.)

Agents for:—ADMIRALTY CHARTS
ROSS'S BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES,
KELVIN'S NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
ENGLISH SILVERWARE, direct from Manufacturers,
High Class English Jewellery.

THE RITZ
CATERERS

Meals at all hours from 8 a.m. to 12.00 midnight.
Now serving.....Special \$1.00 Tiffins.
Morning And Afternoon Teas. Good Assortment
of Fancy Cakes
Wedding and Christening Cakes to Order
Only the best food and wines served.
Telephone:—C. 2336. NOWELL B. WHITE,
Proprietor.

CAMPBELL MOORE & CO.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN'S HAIR DRESSERS.

The Oldest Hair Dressing Saloon in the Colony.
Established 1876.
19, Queen's Road Central, 1st floor.

CHY LOONG.

New Season. Preserved Ginger.
Best quality—Prompt attention to Exporters.
Office:—231, Queen's Road Central, 2nd floor. Tel. Central 2530.
Factory:—500-504, Canton Road, Yau-mat. Tel. K869.

TELEPHONE
HANDBOOK

(The Merchants' Friend)

NOW ON SALE

\$1 per Copy

5, Wyndham Street,
Hongkong.

A movement is on foot to
organise a debating society in con-
nection with the Hongkong Univer-
sity.

"Don't kiss the Book—that
superstition is done away with."
Marlborough Street magistrate to
witness.

Fire caused considerable
damage to the Prince of Wales's
stables at Tor Royal Farm,
Princeton, in Dartmoor Forest,
but all the Prince's horses were
safely removed.

When at Port Talbot it was
said that the inhabitants of one
street had paid neither rent, nor
rates for some years the magis-
trate remarked: "This seems to be
the real Utopia."

"Don't come any further or
you will be sitting on my lap-
soon."—Judge Parfitt to woman
who failed to see the witness-box
and advanced on the judge's
bench at Clerkenwell.

A Chinese boatman charged
at the Kowloon Magistrate's
yesterday with participation in an
armed robbery on board a junk at
Deep Bay claimed that he was
kidnapped by the other robbers
and forced to accompany them to
the boat. This story was be-
lieved and the man was dis-
charged.

One of the attractions in
Japan is the Tokyo fish market. It
is the largest in the country and
occupies 480,000 square feet. The
market is an association of 750
wholesalers and 552 brokers who
operate under the supervision of
municipal authorities. Two thou-
sand fish mongers and buyers
from numerous hotels and re-
staurants assemble at this mar-
ket every morning between 5 and
10 o'clock and carry away with
them from 800 to 1,200 tons of
fish.

As a result of carefully plan-
ned newspaper publicity, Brighton
is enjoying a "boom." During 1925
74,327 more tickets were taken be-
tween London and Brighton than
were booked during 1924, while the
number of passengers passing
through the barriers of the Central
Station, Brighton, during the first
six weeks of 1926 was 660,000.
This is an increase of 27.8 per cent.
as compared with the correspond-
ing period last year. In all no
fewer than 10,000,000 passengers
passed in or out of the station in
1925.

Princess Mary and Viscount
Lascelles have sent £100 for the
National Memorial to Queen
Alexandra.

"My husband said if I didn't
forgive him he'd give me a good
hiding."—Woman at Willesden
Police Court.

Sir Harry Lauder, when he
visited Cardiff was met at the
station by pipers, who conducted
him to his hotel.

One of the most outstanding
dresses seen at St. Patrick's Ball,
Shanghai, was worn by Madame
Lily formerly of Hongkong. It
was made of green taffeta, trim-
med with French gold lace and
garlands of hand-made flowers in
Louis XV style.

Jazz is degrading in that it
tends to lower the white races to
the level of the "lesser breeds"
mentioned by Rudyard Kipling.
The jazzists may take it
for granted that their number is
up. The above statement was
made by Dr. Henry Coward, con-
ductor of the famous Sheffield
Choir, at a meeting of a Rotary
Club.

Mr. Alfred Clay, of Darley Hall,
Matlock, whose will has just been
proved for £140,000, bought the
first ticket ever issued by Thomas
Cook and Son for a tour round the
world. Mr. Clay was an inveterate
globetrotter, and he could say
offhand where and when railway
trains and steamships connected
with one another in the most dis-
tant parts of the earth. He was
a sort of human "Bradshaw."

A report that the personal
bodyguard of the Prince of Wales
has been doubled, and is now
under the command of a chief
inspector of the Special Branch
of Scotland Yard, has been official-
ly denied. An official of the
Prince's household told a repre-
sentative of "The Daily Chronicle"
that the Special Branch inspector
who for years has accompanied
the Prince has recently been on
short leave, and that a temporary
arrangement had been made for
other officers to perform his
duties.

"I am a mere syphon at
home."—Hasbani, at Willesden
Police Court.

Eggs have been sold at
Market Drayton at 11d a dozen
—cheaper than pre-war days.

Messrs. Madrigal and Co. of
Manila have purchased the army
collier "Major. Hubert L.
Wigmore." The purchase price
is approximately \$27,000 (p.).

A London telegram to the
Statesman says:—Diners were
panda-stricken when a drunken
Chinese armed with a sword enter-
ed a Paris cafe, smashed the
tables and chairs, severed a dog's
tail and then cut the animal in
two, before he could be arrested.

Judged by the prosperity and
peace which it should promote
through opening to cultivation
3,000,000 acres in the Sudan,
"Makepeace" would seem more ap-
propriate than Makwar as a name
for the great dam recently opened
on the Blue Nile.

Women pickets in a textile
dispute at Kirkcubright have adopted
music as a "persuader." As the
non-striking operatives leave the
factory the pickets "chorus" sing:
"Onward, Christian Soldiers!"
The heads of the firm are also
"serenaded" with hymns. About
one hundred women are affected.

Bethesda, in Carnarvonshire,
is tired of its Hebrew name, but
is having considerable difficulty in
selecting one in Welsh. A sub-
committee submitted four possible
names to the urban council to-day:
—Glynogwen, "Glanogwen, Trefog-
wen and Naitogwen. None of them
was sufficiently attractive, and the
special committee was asked to
meet again and try to invent a
better one.

An influential delegation, re-
presenting 300 chambers of com-
merce and several important
national trade organisations,
visited Winston Churchill, Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer to make a
vigorous protest against the pres-
ent tax methods by which busi-
ness is done by co-operative so-
cieties, which receive more
favourable tax treatment than
private trading. Co-operative
societies have reached an enorm-
ous size in Great Britain, and it
was pointed out that they are
profit-making organisations and
do not deserve preferential treat-
ment as against heavily-taxed
private trading.

Mr. A. N. Hornby, of Nantwich,
Cheshire, for 20 years captain
Lancashire County Cricket Club,
left £6,420.

Mrs. W. T. Austen and Miss
Mabel Austen for many years re-
sidents of Yokohama are on a
farewell visit to Japan before
leaving for their future home in
England.

Mr. Louis Leon Joseph Maurice
Permezel, President of the French
Red Cross in Vladivostok during
the war, has been decorated, for
his special services to the French
and Allied Soldiers, with the
Legion of Honour as Knight in
date of January 31, 1926.

The Librarian of the Tokyo
Women's Club is seeking copies of
the Club Year Book previous to
1922-1923. At the time of the
1923 earthquake the records of
the Club were destroyed and the
files are not complete. Books may
be sent to Miss Ruth Thompson,
22 Fujimi-cho, Gochome, Koji-
machi.

Mr. H. A. F. B. Archer, O.B.E.,
who has been Acting British
Consul in Chungking has arrived
in Shanghai and will assume
charge of the Shipping Office in
H. M. Consulate-General. Mr.
Mills who has been in charge of
the Shipping Office recently will
relieve Mr. Toller in the Land
Office.

England's cricket captain is not
to be selected until the season
opens. This was the decision of
the Test Match Selection Com-
mittee. P. F. Warner took the
chair, and A. B. Gilligan, P.
Perrin and J. B. Hobbs were
present. A cable was sent to
Rhodes, who is in Egypt, and he
is in agreement with this course.

The reason for the drive against
western dancing is that "it is gen-
erally recognised that in the pre-
sent period of great confusion in
the thinking world of Japan, the
social dancing introduced to
Japan from abroad is doing much
to deteriorate the traditional man-
ners and customs in Japan and
confuse the family system of the
nation."

The four Dutch submarines
visiting Manila were opened for
public inspection.

Moscow is to inaugurate an
air post service between Euro-
pean Capitals on May 1.

"I know he's a bar but you
can't help loving him," said a
woman of her husband at the Bow
County Court.

A Blackpool Corporation
workman, engaged on street work,
stuck his pick into a cable com-
posed of 1,600 telephone wires,
and 532 subscribers were cut off
from the Exchange.

Wholesale prosecution of
municipal officials in Passay as
a result of failure to enforce the
anti-vice ordinance in force in
that municipality since 1920 is
expected to begin during the next
few days.

A gift from Trinity House
has been received by the National
Lifeboat Institution, as a mark
of gratitude for the saving of
one of the keepers of Godrevy
Lighthouse, who was dangerously
ill during a gale.

France has successfully pro-
hibited absinthe as a beverage and
accomplished it in a single day.
The absinthe habit was rooted in
the French people. Up to the
first days of the war the Paris
boulevard and all France had its
"hour of absinthe" or its "green
hour" every afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The University of California
baseball team's proposed tour of
Japan this summer has been can-
celled, say cables from America.
The reason given for this action
is that the University wanted a
guarantee of 20,000 yen for the
expenses of the tour, whereas the
Japanese organisers offered only a
part of the receipts from the
games. The California baseballers
will, however, tour Hawaii for
six weeks.

A new Roman Catholic So-
ciety, supported by Cardinal
Bourne and many Catholic Arch-
bishops and Bishops, is launching
an organised campaign through-
out Britain against spiritualism,
which is described as a dangerous
cult, aiming at the root and
branch destruction of Christianity.
The late Bishop of Salford
(Dr. Casartelli) claimed that
spiritualism was responsible for
a large leakage from Roman
Catholicism.

A woman with a large dog dyed
green was seen in Harrow Road,
N.W.

Mr. J. A. Clarke, parish clerk
at Cromer, for 53 years, died, aged
82. Cromer has had but two
parish clerks in 113 years.

In the Navy Estimates £55,-
000 is included for soap and
tobacco for seamen, compared
with £71,000 in 1925.

Mr. Herbert Hanson, of
Kimberley, Notts, draper left to
his housekeeper, Emma Kersley,
£1,000 and all moneys in the
names of himself and the said
Emma Kersley at bank.

Mrs. Jane M. Churton, of
Chester Lodge, Bournemouth,
whose estate is valued at £139,-
948, left to her maid, Elizabeth
Jamieson, one year's wages ab-
solutely, and the income for life
from a trust fund of £4,000.

Mr. Scott Skinner, the famous
player of reels and strathspeys,
who is 80 years of age, is to take
part in the old-time fiddling con-
test at Lewiston, Maine, U.S.A.,
next month, which is open to
those over 60. The prize is 1,000
dols. (\$200).

Mr. C. M. Varty, who will be
remembered in Japan as the
manager of the Kaihin Hotel at
Kamakura for many years, has
been appointed assistant manager
of the Hotel Plaza, at San
Francisco. Mr. Varty left Japan
a few months before the earth-
quake and fire disaster of 1923.

A woman was noticed at the
theatre the other night in London
with her finger nails lightly tinted
with jade green to match the
colour of her gown. Such a
fashion of coloured nails has had
a certain popularity across the
Channel for some time past, and
at one of the most exclusive dress
salons it is now possible for a
woman to buy beads, shoes, and
nail polish to match each new
evening frock.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

BEST PORTLAND CEMENT

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers

HONGKONG

Malarial Debility

When the malaria itself has left off, when the ravages of the parasites have broken your strength, that's the moment to start taking Sanatogen. Your blood is weakened and Sanatogen will multiply the quantity of red corpuscles in an amazingly short time.

A doctor, writing in the Medical Press & Circular, has proved that this increase of red blood corpuscles per cmm in some cases was as high as 90,000 in one week, and even 500,000 in a fortnight.

Sanatogen will infuse into the very cells of blood nerves and tissues exactly those elements—phosphorus and albumen—from which strength is derived, and so will revitalize your whole system in a natural way.

SANATOGEN
The True Tonic-Food
Obtainable at all chemists and stores.

36 NATHAN ROAD
KOWLOON

THE INTERNATIONAL
DRY CLEANING & DYEING COMPANY

TEL. C. 3343
19 WYNDHAM STREET
HONGKONG

"OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

Contains all the News of the Week.

PRICE - 30 cts. PER COPY.

The "Overland China Mail" is obtainable
every week on Friday morning at the office of the
publishers (China Mail Building) 5, Wyndham
Street in ample time for the mail.

CONTENTS.

Page.	Page.
Domestic Occurrence . . . 1	Beggar Nuisance . . . 20
Leading Articles . . . 1-5	Canton Customs . . . 20
Arms Seizures . . . 5	Rent of Flat . . . 20
Correspondence . . . 5	Steamer Seized . . . 20
School's Progress . . . 6	Society Work . . . 21
First Aid . . . 6	Youth's Offence . . . 21
Naughty Doggie . . . 6	Canton's Boycott . . . 21
Launch . . . 7	Water Figures . . . 21
Bomb Plot . . . 7	Police Deserter . . . 21
No Bars . . . 7	New Hope . . . 22
Easy Money . . . 7	Cargo Seized . . . 22
China Provident . . . 8-10	Kowloon Houses . . . 23
Motor Mishaps . . . 10	Dagger in Waist . . . 23
Manila Flight . . . 10	Not Decided . . . 23
Armed Robbers . . . 10	Tower Collapse . . . 23
Unofficial Mission . . . 11	Men in the News . . . 24
"Robber" Cave . . . 11	Bank Notes . . . 24
Volunteer Orders . . . 11	Postmen Strike . . . 24
Illicit Opium . . . 12	K.B.G.C. Meeting . . . 25
Quarry Fatality . . . 12	Enterprise Wins . . . 25
New Member . . . 12	Same Fees . . . 25
Dog Bites . . . 12	"Buffaloes" Meet . . . 25
Wedding Bells . . . 12	Holiday Golf . . . 25
Quiet Market . . . 12	Cricketer Notes . . . 26
Gallant Catch . . . 13	Soccer Match . . . 26
Silk Stockings . . . 13	Strange Billiards . . . 26
Dental Register . . . 13	Soccer Interplot . . . 27
Triad Societies? . . . 13	Champions Win . . . 27
Dogs' Ordinance . . . 14	Cricketers Dine . . . 27
China Sugar Co. . . . 14	Rain Wins . . . 27
Growing District . . . 14	Lawn Tennis . . . 28
New For Old . . . 14	"Swire" Cup . . . 28
Kowloon Matters . . . 14	A Plucky Chinese . . . 28
Broker's Win . . . 15	Ships' Personnel . . . 28
In Bankruptcy . . . 15	Dr. Ho's Offer . . . 29
A Great Record . . . 16-17	Dr. Ozorio's Reply . . . 29
Out of Date . . . 17	An Appeal Lodged . . . 29
Up-Country Life . . . 17	Strike Fictive . . . 29
Robbery Planned? . . . 18	Reached Canton . . . 30
Local Imports & Exports . . . 18	Ray of Hope . . . 30
Coffin Mystery . . . 18	Canton Health . . . 30
For Canton . . . 19	Chinese Humour . . . 31
Party Struggle . . . 19	Treasure Lost? . . . 31
Election Time . . . 19	Restaurant Fees . . . 31
"Lake" Boats Sold . . . 19	Worthy of Hire? . . . 31
Obituary . . . 20	Cupid's Dart . . . 31
Kowloon Water . . . 20	Passenger List . . . 31
	Trade Boycott . . . 32

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

WILL IT RAIN?

THE FINALS IN THE SOCCER SHIELD.

A SURREYS DOUBLE

[By "Duchie"]

Soccers to-morrow have the following to look forward to—

SHIELD FINALS.

Junior Section.

1 East Surrey Regiment v. Club de Recreo reserves. Hongkong P.C. ground, kick-off at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Senior Section.

1 East Surrey Regiment v. Kowloon F.C. Hongkong P.C. ground, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. sharp.

League II (Section B).

South China "C" v. University. Sookumpoo "A" ground, kick-off at 6 p.m. sharp.

It will be seen that the card for to-morrow is the same as was arranged for last Saturday, but which had to be cancelled on account of the wet weather. It does not appear at all promising for a fine week-end now, and unless the weather moderates considerably, I am afraid that the fixtures will again have to be postponed. In this case, there seems no possibility of completing the programme this season, and the matches will have to be played off at the commencement of the next season.

Subject always to the weather being kind, my remarks last week, regarding the chances of the various teams remain unchanged, and the 1 East Surrey Regiment should make a double event of the occasion.

As there are still several games in the League to be decided, it is to be hoped that the weather during the next ten days will allow them to be finished. The grounds at Happy Valley are now closed to football so that there are only three grounds left.

In the senior section of the League, Kowloon have three games, South China also have three, and the Surreys two. The Police have one, and the Club de Recreo have two.

The junior "A" section of the League is finished, but South China "C" have three games to play in the "B" section. Given fine weather there should not be any difficulty in getting these games off before the end of the month.

As at present arranged the final in the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup competition is fixed to be played next Saturday on the Sookumpoo "A" ground. The finalists are Portugal and England. The game is to start at 4.45 p.m. sharp. England will be represented by the same team that defeated the Chinese a fortnight ago.

HOME FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S NORTHERN LEAGUE MATCH.

HALIFAX v. WIGAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Halifax, April 15.

In Division II of the English League (Northern Section) Halifax defeated Wigan by two goals to nil.

Revised Table.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rochdale	39	25	5	9	97	55	55
Bradford	39	24	7	8	91	45	55
Grimsby	38	23	6	7	73	38	54
Chesterfield	38	23	4	11	88	47	50
Halifax	38	17	11	12	52	45	45
Nelson	38	16	10	12	82	58	44
Darlington	38	15	11	12	72	51	44
Harlepool	39	17	7	15	75	68	44
Ashington	40	15	11	14	97	50	44
Crews	38	17	6	15	60	57	40
N. Brighton	39	17	6	16	68	55	40
Tranmere	39	17	5	17	65	78	39
Durham	38	16	5	17	58	66	37
Coventry	39	15	6	18	66	73	30
Rotherham	38	15	6	17	61	80	30
Wigan	39	12	11	16	65	64	35
Lincoln	38	14	5	19	60	78	33
Accrington	39	15	3	21	74	90	33
Wrexham	38	10	11	18	58	82	30
Southport	38	8	10	19	55	86	28
Walsall	39	9	6	24	55	102	24
Barrow	39	6	3	30	44	92	15

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON'S TEAM FOR SATURDAY.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon against the Surreys in the Senior Shield Final to be played on the Club Ground on Saturday (kick-off, 4.30 p.m.):

Avery, Wheeler and Reedy; Turner, Cavell, and McKelvie; Millard, Spary, Sims, Duncan and Hayes.

Reserves: Sibley, Taylor, and Guest.

"WHITE WINGS."

To-morrow the racing classes of the R.H.K.Y.C. yachts are to compete for the Ladies' Cup, presented by ladies who have sailed in the championship this season.

The course is: Club to Lyemun Beacon (port), Kowloon Rock (port), Channel Rocks (starboard), mark on line (starboard), East Rock buoy (port), finish at the Club (distance 8.6 miles).

On Sunday the race is for cruisers, for the "Norsemann" Cup and the course will be from the Club to Datum Rock (starboard), (Chung Yue (starboard) and back to the Club.

CHESS CLUB.

The championship of the Kowloon Chess Club (1926) has been won by Mr. D. Carvalho. Mr. H. Randall was runner-up.

A presentation "at Home" is to be held in the Kowloon Chess Club on an early date, when the prizes for the Colony's championship and Club events will be presented.

Last Friday, the University beat the Kowloon Chess Club, in a friendly match, by 5 points to 2. A return match is due to be played at the University Union at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE EMPIRE.

SECOND HEAT RESULT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 15.

At Thurston's Hall, in the Empire amateur billiards championship, Earlam (England) defeated McCluney (North of Ireland).

The scores were: Earlam 2,000; McCluney 879.

A cable published on Wednesday reported: At Thurston's Hall, London, the Empire amateur billiards championship has commenced. In the first heat the final scores are: G. Shaller, Australia 2,000; Malcolm Smith, Scotland 1,245; J. Earlam, England; T. McCluney, North of Ireland; and P. Routledge, South Africa, are also competing.

SHIP'S BOATS RACE.

CHANGES FOR "TREVESA" TROPHY.

Not less than a dozen entries are expected for the "Trevessa" Trophy race for ships' lifeboats on April 23.

This is the fifth bi-annual race under the auspices of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

Since the last race the rules have been revised. The main alteration is that affecting the Chinese in this and future races. The Chinese rule will be admissible if no bigger than the area laid down by the Board of Trade regulations. The course is: From Channel Rocks to Kowloon Rock, then to the Yacht Club, and to East Rock buoy and back.

For those anxious to see the race, the committee of the R.H.K.Y.C. is arranging for launches to leave Queen's Pier at 3 p.m. and the race will start at 4 p.m.

LOCAL RUGGER.

MATCH AT KOWLOON TO-MORROW.

An Army team will engage the "A" team of the Volunteers in a rugby match at King's park, Kowloon, to-morrow, at 3 p.m.

The Army (playing in white) will be represented by Major Macerady (captain), Lt. Sturges, R.A., Lt. Taylor, R.A., Q. M. S. Rose, Lt. Jacobs-Larkom, R.E. (three-quarter), Lt. Ancoth, Captain Howard, R.A. (half-back), Lt. Gould, R.A. (captain), Lt. Johnstone (A.D.C. to the General), Captain Drake-Brockman, 2nd Lt. Coates, 2nd Lt. Turner, 2nd Lt. Finch Whyte, 2nd Lt. Campbell, 2nd Lt. Jackson, East Surreys (forwards).

KOWLOON GOLF COURSE.

The Kowloon golf course will be rearranged for the week-end (Saturday and Sunday) owing to the Military using "B" range. The rearranged course will be playable from 2.30 p.m. on Saturday.

CHINESE MARRIAGES.

STRONG COMMENTS ON LEGAL TANGLE.

"VAGUE & UNSATISFACTORY."

Strong comments upon the unsatisfactory state of the law in the Colony as it affects Chinese marriages were made by the Chief Justice (Sir William Marleson) in delivering judgment in the Supreme Court, Singapore, in an action heard in his court recently in which the main issue was whether a Chinese woman was or was not married as a principal wife.

His Lordship said that the wedding of a Chinese woman as a principal wife was ordinarily proved by the performance of certain ceremonies, some of which were essential and others accidental. For the marriage of a Chinese woman as a secondary wife no ceremonies were required.

His Lordship set forth the essential conditions of a valid Chinese marriage in Singapore as stated in the Six Widows Case—as follows:—

Proposal through a match-maker; or employed generally by the parent of the bridegroom to make the offer and to find out the eight characters of the horoscope according to the hour, day, month, and year of the birthday of the parties.

Consultation, usually with an astrologer, that the horoscopes are not antagonistic.

Final exchange of birthday papers of the intended bride or bridegroom.

Fixing of a lucky day for the marriage, generally selected by an astrologer.

Celebration of the marriage.

No Final Authority.

"I would like to observe," His Lordship said, "that the whole matter is in my opinion most unsatisfactory and vague. There seems to be no real and final authority at all as to what are the essentials of the marriage; that is, what are the ceremonies, the omission of any of which is sufficient to invalidate the marriage, and what are the ceremonies which, if they are all performed, themselves constitute a valid marriage."

"A consideration of various texts, books and a number of decided cases leads me to the conclusion that these ceremonies differ in different parts of China and again differ here in Singapore. The expert witness, Mr. Siphing, was quite vague as to the essentials. I am not sure that some day the courts here will have to hold that the only real essential of a Chinese marriage is intention, and that it is a question of fact in each case whether or not there has been a performance by the parties in this Colony of so much of the ceremonies usual in Chinese marriages as would justify the court in finding that a marriage has taken place."

"The whole question, in the absence of legislation, must, I think, be considered to be in the melting-pot, and after years the crystallization of essentials in the accurate sense of the word may eventually."

After reviewing the evidence, and referring to the will of Wong Hon On, deceased, His Lordship gave judgment for the defendants, Yee Pok Yee and others, the question of costs being reserved for further argument.—"Straits Times."

AIRMEN PERISH.

PLUNGE INTO THE SEA IN JAPAN.

Two naval aviation officers were killed and two others seriously injured when their all-metal K-B aeroplane developed motor trouble on March 22, says the "Japan Advertiser," and plunged into the sea near the Yokosuka naval station from a height of 800 meters. The machine, which was capable of 350 horsepower, had been donated to the Government by the Imperial Naval Defence Association and was on a trial flight.

The dead are Lieutenant-Commander Kisaku Shimura and Lieutenant Kyukichi Akaiishi, the superintendent of the naval base. The body of the latter was recovered from eight fathoms of water shortly before noon. Sub-Lieutenant Minoru Abe and Corporal Yamaguchi, also of the crew, were seriously injured and it is believed that they will die.

Lieut.-Commander Shimura was promoted after his death to the rank of Commander, while his court rank was raised to the senior sixth grade and was awarded a decoration of the fourth Order of the Rising Sun. His fellow victim, Lieutenant Akaiishi, was honoured in the same way, being raised to Lieutenant-Commander, junior sixth grade and fifth Order of the Rising Sun.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

List of passengers per ss.

"Empress of Australia" to-day.

Capt. C. Alexander, Mr. J.

Almeida, Miss B. Azevedo, Miss

Ah Gw, Mr. J. P. Bridger, Miss

E. K. Butler, Mr. M. F. Baptista,

Mr. A. E. Bissell, Miss E. T.

Brown, Miss M. Brown, Mr. and

Mrs. Barreira, Miss F. M. Barreira,

Master M. J. Barreira, Mrs.

Bansam, Mr. L. J. Boyle, Mr. and

Mrs. W. Costen, Master W. Costen,

Mr. Cramer, Mr. P. Glover, Mr.

Chung, Man-hing, Mr. and Mrs.

Allan Cameron, Mr. Cham Onio,

Miss M. Costa, Mr. Cheung Chee-

long, Mrs. Ching Yet-sung, Mr.

Cheung, San-pang, Mrs. Chan

Lung-ze, Mrs. Chan Lau-ze, Mrs.

Chan Ho-ze, Master Chan Jan-

ming, Mrs. Clark and family, Mrs.

Hew Moy-chong, Mr. H. Dawson,

Miss E. Dreyfus, Miss E. Dreyfus,

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dreyfus, Mr.

and Mrs. A. F. Dusterhoft, Master

W. E. Dusterhoft, Mr. A. C.

Dickson, Miss M. Elliot, Mr. S.

Forstleff, Mr. and Mrs. J. A.

Ferreira, Mr. G. H. and Mrs. L. S.

Greenhill and family, Mrs. G.

Grimble, Mr. and Mrs. J. M.

Cutler, Miss Marie Gutierrez,

Miss Gubbay, Co. and Mrs. Griffin,

Mrs. A. Gomes, Mrs. E. Guerreiro,

Mr. and Mrs. G. Harman, Mr.

H. T. Hungerford, Mr. G. R.

Howorth, Mr. Pang Hok, Mr. B.

Hyde Lay, Master D. Hyde Lay,

Mr. Fong Ngai-hom, Mr. R. J.

Hall, Mr. W. Halsall, Mr. and

Mrs. R. W. Horne, Mr. Hung Sai-

ho, Mr. F. S. Harrop, Mr. and

Mrs. David Harvey, Miss Edith M.

Hill, Mr. E. C. Jahour, Sir J.

Jameson, Mr. E. L. Judd, Mr.

K. F. Jefferys, Mrs. P. Jessell,

Mrs. T. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs.

Kwok, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Koib,

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Shan and

infant, Mr. H. C. Kan, Mrs. Kan

Pun-ze, Mrs. I. C. Kong, Master

Kong Wah, Mrs. C. M. Kan, Mr.

and Mrs. C. M. Kan, Mr. and

Leon Lambert, Jr. and Mrs.

G. W. Leavell, Miss Leavell, Mrs.

D. L. Lewis, Mr. C. Little, Miss

Emily Low, Mr. and Mrs. Li Chai-

long, family and son, Mrs. Li Man-

si, Miss Li King-chi, Miss Lo

Polin, Mr. W. S. Lum, Mr. and

Mrs. Li Chi-nong, Mr. A. C.

Lofis, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Lau,

Mr. B. L. Lee, Mr. Cy Lum, Mr.

Low Wing-zun, Mr. L. De Leon,

Miss L. De Leon, Mr. Liu Ho-kun,

Miss A. Lalloz, Mrs. Tang Ah-luk,

Mrs. A. E. Luck, Master R. Luck,

Mr. C. Lyen, Mr. Li Pu-sam, Mrs.

M. Lyen, Miss A. Lyen, Mr. A.

MacGowan, Miss M. Maier, Mr.

and Mrs. B. J. McBernmont and

infant, Mr. P. W. Ma, Mrs. D. M.

Monaghan, Mr. and Mrs. H. S.

Margetta, Mr. S. H. Michael, Mr.

A. P. Miller, Mr. A. Mathieson,

Mr. L. Marcal, Miss L. Mognuon,

Miss Munro, Rev. P. W. O'Connor,

Mr. Chin Ono, Mrs. Parker, Mr.

J. W. Parsons, Mrs. D. M. Nissin,

Mr. and Mrs. Partridge, Mr. Pang,

W. P. Pratt, Mr. A. Potts, Mr.

W. S. Pang, Mr. W. M. Peters, Mr.

and Mrs. G. B. Pattison, Jr., Miss

M. Perpetuo, Mr. Tze E. Pun,

Mr. Pang Kut-on, Mr. B.

Peteram, Mr. B. Ramsey, Mr.

and Mrs. J. R. Rowns and child,

Mr. and Mrs. E. Raymond, Miss

R. R. Roxburgh, Miss L. Raymond,

Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Rhenstrom,

Mr. Robertson, Mr. W. Robertson,

Mr. L. L. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. A. L. Shields, Mr. A. Smith,

Mr. Tai Shing, Col. and Mrs. C.

M. Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. G. E.

Sokolosky, Sir Shousan and Lady

Chow, Mr. A. N. Spencer, Mr.

C. W. Skeet, Mr. Grant Swaney,

Mr. P. W. Shan, Mr. A. Santos,

Mr. G. Shildkret, Mr. Soon Kwei-

hang, Mrs. Fung Shue, Miss Chack

She, Mr. Stubbs, Mr. and Mrs.

Sutherland, Dr. Sir Eric and Lady

Stuart Taylor, Master L. Stuart

Taylor, Master R. Stuart Taylor,

Mr. and Mrs. A. Tomkins, Mr.

Tong Hee-man, Miss A. Vichy,

Mrs. E. E. Watson and children,

Mrs. W. Wilkinson, Father J. A.

Walsh, Miss M. Williams, Miss S.

Weill, Mr. H. J. Wallen, Mrs. M.

SMOKE!! SMOKE!! SMOKE!!
"GOLDEN DRAGON"
CIGARETTES.



NANYANG BROS. TOBACCO CO., LTD.
Tel. Nos. C. 347 & 348. 165, Des Voeux Road Central.

PLASTER WALLBOARD

INTERIOR
PARTITIONS MADE OF PLASTER WALLBOARD ARE
FIREPROOF.

ECONOMICAL,

EASY TO CONSTRUCT

FOR FULL PARTICULARS WRITE TO:-

THE

SIMPLEX PLASTER COY., LTD.

Tel. C. 3749.

2nd Floor, Powell's Building.

Hongkong's Artistic Photographers

The

YING MING STUDIO

Queen's Road Central

(Official Photographers of the "China Mail.")

TELEPHONE HANDBOOK (The Merchants' Friend)

NOW ON SALE

\$1 per Copy

5, Wyndham Street
Hongkong.

FRENCH NATURAL MINERAL WATER
VICHY CELESTINS
In bottles, half and "split"
For Gout, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Gravel, Arthritis
VICHY-ETAT PREPARATIONS
VICHY-ETAT SALT Natural salt from the waters.
VICHY-ETAT TABLETS In tins and bottles.
VICHY-ETAT COMPOUNDS 2 or 3 after meals.
To make your own digestive aerated water.
Refuse substitutes.

People and Events in the News of the World



Nine persons were burned to death when a fire destroyed a winter resort hotel at Hurleyville, N.Y. All the victims were holiday visitors from New York. Twenty-three were injured in the blaze, which left the hotel in a smouldering mass of ruins.



Miss Teresa Aaronow lost her life with eight other persons when a winter resort hotel was destroyed by fire at Hurleyville, N.Y.



Prospective U.S. immigrants in Mrs. Suzanne Boratkov with her two sets of twins, a set of triplets and one other child. Mrs. Boratkov is shown with one pair of twins and the triplets.

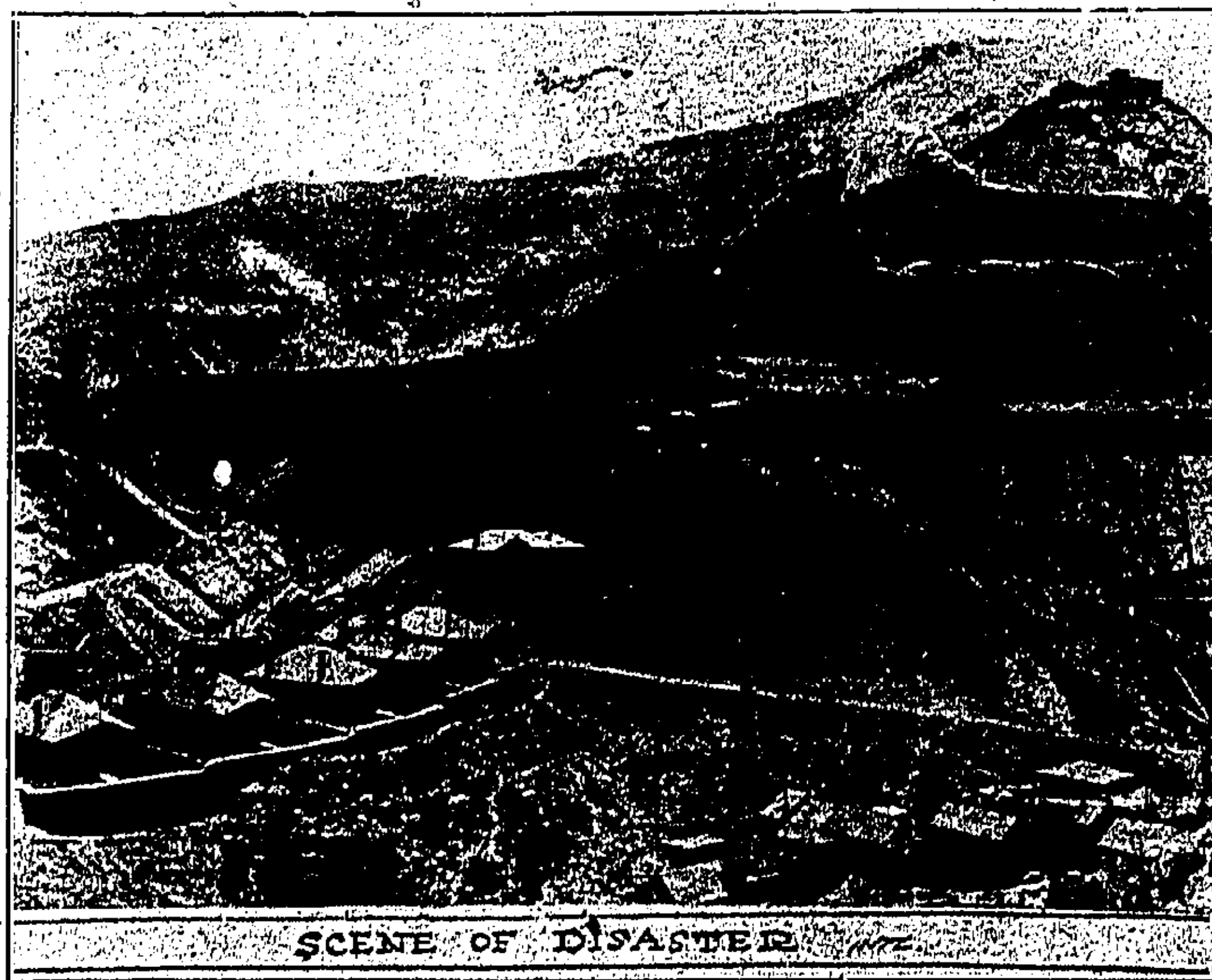


MRS. FANNIE RESNICK & CHILD

Mrs. Fannie Resnick, of Brooklyn, shown with her daughter, Selma (aged nine), clasped the girl in her arms and jumped from the third floor of a blazing hotel at Hurleyville, N.Y. The mother suffered a broken back, but the child was unhurt. Nine lost their lives and twenty-three were injured in the fire.



Lady Cruise, wife of Sir Richard Cruise, the famous Royal eye specialist, visited Vancouver.



General view of the countryside about Bingham, a small Utah town about eighteen miles south-west of Salt Lake City, which was practically wiped off the map by an avalanche. Bingham is a mining centre and the picture shows one of the largest copper mines of the district.



PRINCE LEOPOLD



CAPT. OSCAR WISTING



DR. LEON DUFOURMENTEL

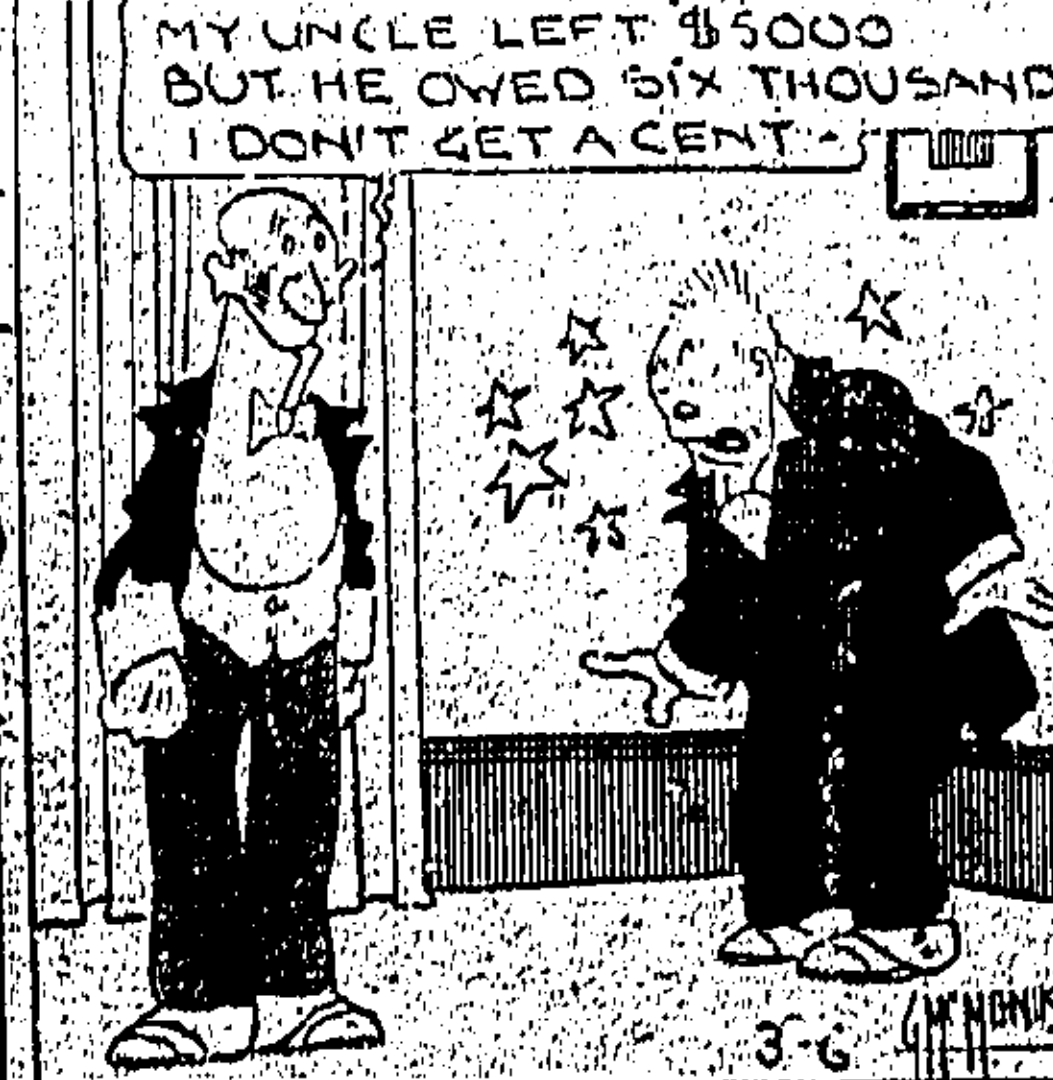
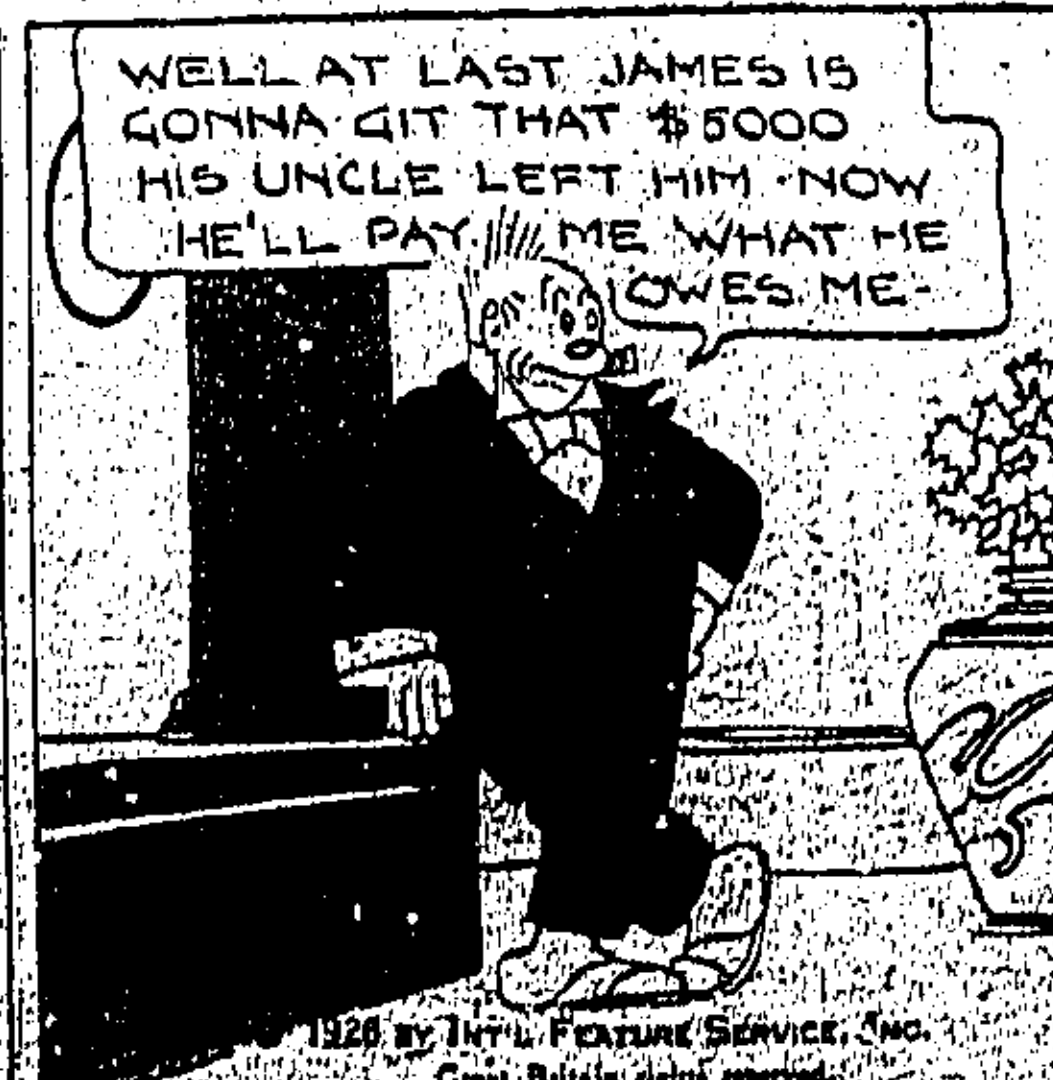


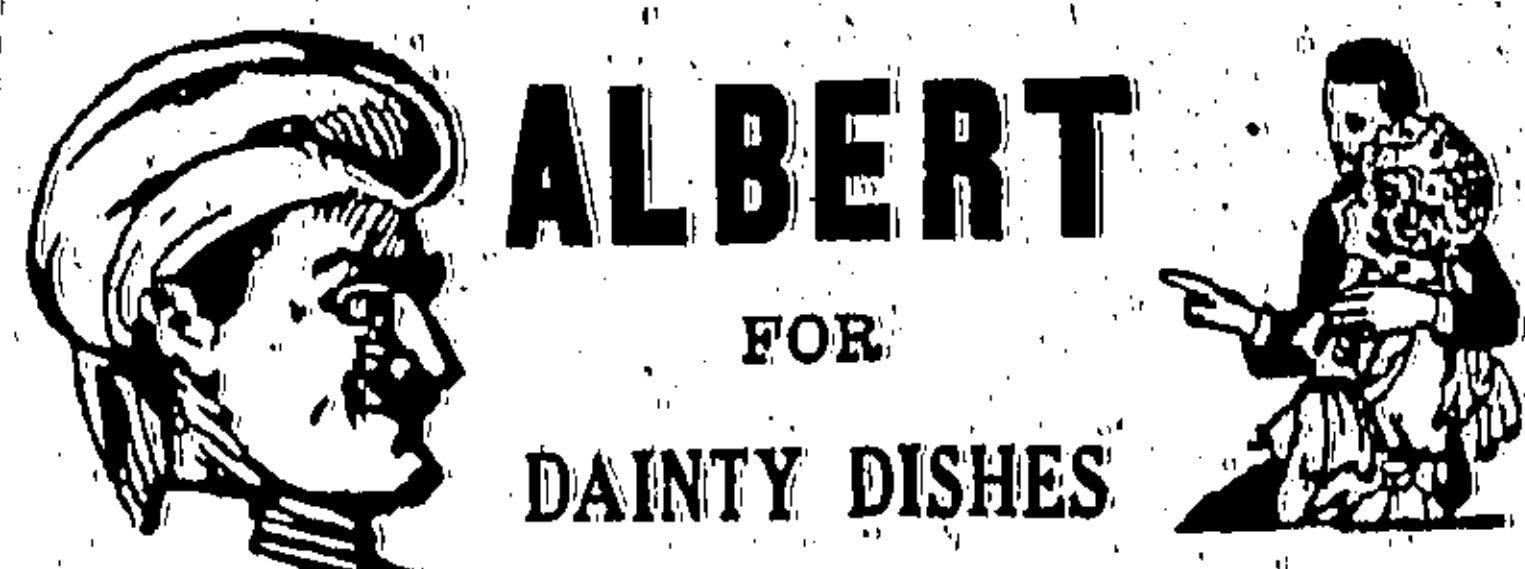
OTTO SVERDRUP

Prince Leopold of Bavaria has celebrated his 50th birthday. Captain Oscar Wisting, the famous Norwegian explorer, went to Rome to supervise the final touches on the airship "Norge," which was to have started for the North Pole last month under Roald Amundsen's command. Dr. Leon Dufourmentel, the famous French surgeon, was in America to study surgical methods. Otto Sverdrup, the explorer, was rewarded with a gift of 6,000 kroner by the National Assembly of Norway.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

FOR SALE
Catholic Prayer Books
in
English and Portuguese
Crucifixes, Rosaries,
Holy Pictures, Medals,
Artistic Coloured
Statuettes of Saints, etc
GRAGA & CO.,
Dealers in Religious Articles
Philatelic, Garden Seeds, etc.,
No. 10, WYNDHAM STREET,
HONGKONG.
P. O. Box 820.





ALBERT

FOR
DAINTY DISHES

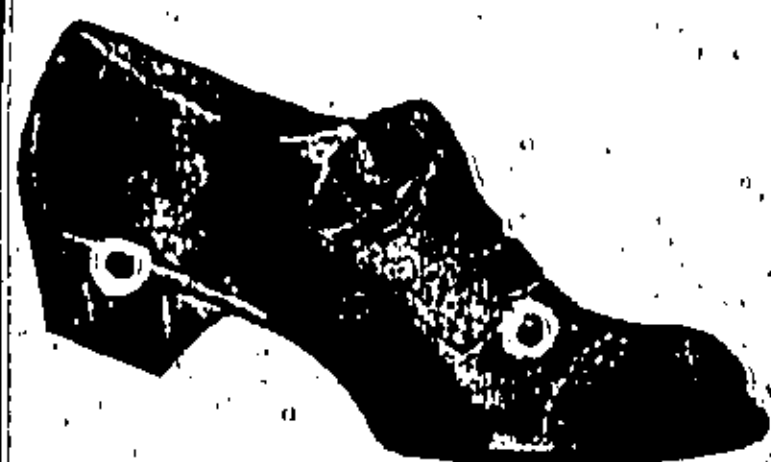
A DIALOGUE BETWEEN CONNOISSEURS

He.—Where are you going?
She.—Why, To Albert, of course, where we are sure to get the finest French Pastry and the best cooking.
He.—That is not his French Cakes at \$1.00 per dozen, his Mademoiselle Cakes, his Big Cakes, his Ice-Creams (combined with excellent quinine) are made exclusively with the butter, milk and cream of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.
She.—Quite so, and he also has a new menu comprising five new dishes which you can enjoy any time from 10.30 a.m. to Midnight.

Queen's Road Central
(Opposite Hongkong Hotel Building)

SHOEMAKERS

(Japanese Hand Made)
Every Kind of Footwear
MADE TO ORDER.



CHERRY & CO.,
6, D'AGUIAR STREET,
Opposite Kayamally & Co.
Telephone Central No. 491.
Hongkong, March 20, 1914.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
St. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

THE KWONG HIP LUNG CO. LTD.

ENGINEERS and SHIPBUILDERS, BOILER-MAKERS, BRASS and IRON FOUNDERS. All work done in this establishment is guaranteed. We have over thirty years' experience. We own two slipways and can accommodate any craft of 200 feet long.
Town Office: 64, Connaught Road Central, Hongkong. Tel. Central No. 459.
Shipyard: Sham-Sui-Po, Kowloon, Hongkong. Tel. Kowloon No. 8.
Estimates furnished on application.
Hongkong, April 1, 1924.

ASAHI BEER

Sole
Agents:
MITSUI
BUSSAN
KAISHA.



PRINCESS KILLED.

FOUND DEAD OUTSIDE RUSSIAN BATH HOUSE.

Moscow, Feb. 6.—Princess Obolensky, twenty-three, member of one of the oldest families in Russia, was found murdered to-day in the snow outside a bath-house in one of Moscow's principal streets.

Police say the murderer is the junior of an adjacent house and that he has confessed.

Behind the crime is a story of one of the most pathetic tragedies of Russia's great social upheaval, going back to the revolution of 1917, before which the girl's family was one of the proud of the Czarist regime.

When the Bolsheviks seized power, it is said, the young Princess' governess, in whose care she had been placed, deserted her and escaped abroad. Helpless, destitute and alone, the Princess, several of whose relatives have found refuge in America, took shelter in one of Moscow's numerous night asylums for beggars.

Later she drifted into a life of the streets, seeking support from anyone who would give her food and lodging.

The misfortunes which befell the only nobility of Russia after the Bolshevik revolution have weighed with a special severity on the princely house of Obolensky.

A member of this house was Governor General of Finland and another Governor General of Petrograd during the last years of the Czarist regime.

In May, 1924, a Princess of this family, described as twenty-four years old and one of the most beautiful girls in Russia, was placed on trial charged with brigandage. She was said to have been the daughter of the late Governor of Petrograd. The Soviet authorities said then she had a long criminal record, which included espionage and robbery and at least two years in jail.

Last July another Princess Obolensky, widow of the former Prefect of Police of Petrograd, was convicted of stealing jewellery from her maid and fined 100 francs. She pleaded that the jewellery was taken in a moment of dire necessity. She told of having been driven from her country, stripped of all her property, and of how in two years she had lost her husband and son, who committed suicide through despair.

Her husband, Prince Vladimir, committed suicide in Paris in February, 1924.

Among the Obolenskys, who have come to America since the revolution are Prince Alexis, a singer, who has made two visits in recent years, and Prince Dmitry, who was

JAPAN'S POLITICS.

PRESENT STATE OF THE PARTIES.

The present distribution of political parties in both Houses of Parliament in Japan is as follows: In the House of Peers, M.P.'s total 410 including 18 Princess of Blood; the Kenkyukai Party 154; the Koseikai 93; the Koyu Club 41; the Sawakai 23; the Doseikai 23; the Mushozoku (Independent) 23; and the Jun Mushozoku 45.

In the House of Representatives of the total number of 464 M.P.'s the Kenseikai 166; the Seiyukai 162; the Seiyuhontō 87; the Shinsai Club 25; the Jitsugyo Doshikai 9; and the Mushozoku (Independent) 15.

It has been officially announced that the Seiyuhontō consisting of 87 M.P.'s and the Jitsugyo Doshikai nine will join together.

The clerk of works received the following note from the foreman on the job:—

"I'm sending in the accident report on Casey's foot when he struck it with the pick. Now, under 'Remarks,' do you want mine or Casey's?"



George Reid, a Seventh Day Adventist, predicted that New York City will be entirely destroyed by fire shortly, and has warned all residents to leave town if they would save their lives.

in New York hunting for a job in 1923.

The Obolensky family became linked with the Astor family when Alice Muriel Astor, daughter of the late John Jacob Astor, was married in London in July, 1924, to Prince Serge Platone Sege Platovich Obolensky. Neledinsky Melesky.

PEACE PRODUCTS.

SHEFFIELD'S DEBT TO THE ADMIRALTY.

It was one of the greater prophets who envisaged a time when swords should be beaten into ploughshares, but highly desirable as the consummation may be, the past experience of mankind gives warrant for the belief that had not the need for the sword, or its modern equivalent, existed, the farmer would have had to content himself with a very primitive equipment of the metallurgical implements. The development of the metallurgical arts in particular from prehistoric times to the present, has been largely consequent upon the demand for weapons of war. The skill and knowledge expensively and laboriously gained in the preparation of these, has ultimately proved invaluable for the perfecting of the machines and tools required for agriculture and industry.

As a specific instance Sheffield owes much to the Admiralty, whose requirements have been a main factor in making it commercially practicable for our steel makers to teach themselves how to handle and treat heavy steel forgings and castings. In regard to the latter the Admiralty rule that only British materials should be built into British ships has been especially beneficial. It must, we think, be admitted that at the beginning of this century, our makers of steel castings had not developed their art to as high a pitch of perfection as had been attained by certain foreign firms. As a consequence many British users of these commodities, with a not unnatural reluctance to run avoidable risks, were prone to supply their needs from overseas, thus depriving our own steel makers of the opportunity of gaining the experience necessary to the securing of the best results.

The Admiralty, however, held firmly by their rule, and largely in consequence of the practice thus afforded, improvement was rapid, so that to-day it is as unnecessary to go abroad for steel castings as it is for heavy forgings.—"Engineering."

"It is not easy for a girl to get a husband."
"Nonsense! A pretty girl can make her choice of four out of every five men she meets."
"But it's the fifth she generally wants."

HOW IT GAINED A GOOD REPUTATION.

THE way to gain a good reputation is to be what you appear. That is precisely how Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has gained its reputation as a cure for coughs, colds, croup and bronchial trouble. Every bottle of this valued medicine is fully up to the high standard of excellence claimed for it. For sale everywhere.

HONGKONG

HONGKONG HOTEL; REFULSE BAY HOTEL;
PEAK HOTEL.

Telegraphic Address: "KREMLIN, HONGKONG."

SHANGHAI

ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL; PALACE HOTEL;
KALEE HOTEL; MAJESTIC HOTEL.

Telegraphic Address: "CENTRAL, SHANGHAI"

HOTELS, LIMITED.

In association with the Grand Hotel des Wagons Lits, Peking.

PALACE HOTEL.

Three minutes from Kowloon Ferry Wharf & Railway Station.

Entirely under English Management. Electric Light & Fans Throughout.

Every Room with Private Bath.

Loose Bar & Billiard Rooms. Unrivalled Cuisine under the personal supervision of the Proprietor.

Terms moderate. Special terms to families on application to Mrs. J. H. OXBERRY, Proprietress.

ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL.

Telegraphic Address: "ASTOR." Telephone Central 170.

13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A first class Hotel centrally located, large and airy rooms, completely renovated and refurbished. New Dining Room for Meals and la Carte. Excellent Cuisine. Monthly Tickets for Tiffins and Dinners. Under entirely new Management.

For further particulars apply to H. TELLES JORGE, Manager.

ADELPHI HOTEL.

SINGAPORE

Remodelled and Redecorated
THE RENDEZ-VOUS OF THE SMART SET
TEA DANCES

EVERY TUESDAY

DINNER DANCES

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

Specious Lounge Palm Court

Roof Garden—Cinema

The ONLY HOTEL IN SINGAPORE

Sited Throughout with Modern Sanitation

ADDELPHI HOTEL LTD.
HARRY H. WILLIES,
Managing Director

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

CENTRAL LOCATION.

ALL ELECTRIC TRAM PASS EXCHANGED. Electric Lifts, Fans and Lighting. European Bath and Sanitary Fixings. Hot and Cold Water System throughout. Best of Postal and Service. Ladies and Gent's Hairdressing Saloon, 2nd Floor. Tel. Central 5. Telegraphic Address: "VICTORIA" J. WITCHELL, Manager.

MASSAGE

Mr. SHIMIDZU

Mrs. HONDA.

No. 24, Wyndham Street.

Tel. C. 4945.

ATTRACTIVE ADVERTISING



LET US SHOW YOU OUR FREE ILLUSTRATIONS.

UP-TO-DATE DESIGNS FOR EVERY LINE OF BUSINESS.

"The China Mail"

HONGKONG'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER

No. 5, Wyndham Street. Telephone C.22.



TRY A CAPSTAN

This advertisement is used by the Chinese American Tobacco Co., China Ltd.

B-213

NESTLES

CREAMY

NUT MILK CHOCOLATE

Moulded into fancy shapes and wrapped in silver foil.

FOR THE DINNER TABLE

NESTLES

The China Mail

ESTABLISHED 1845

NESTLES

DELICIOUS

SWISS CHOCOLATES

Centres include:—

Eclairs-Fruits

Nougatines

Forestries-Duchesses

Cremes-Bersagliers

FOR ALL OCCASIONS

NESTLES

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1926.

THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE

REGULAR AND FAST FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICES

LONDON SERVICE.

"REXENOR" 20th Apr. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.

"PATROCLUS" 5th May Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow.

"PROTEUS" 18th May Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.

"ANTHONY" 2nd June Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"TEUCER" 20th Apr. Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

"MENELAUS" 5th May Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

"HERCULES" 18th May Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

"KLEPAUN" 2nd June Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

PACIFIC SERVICE.

"KORR & YOKOHAMA" 14th Apr. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

"TYNDAREUS" 12th May Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"DIOMEDE" 7th May New York, Boston & Baltimore.

"ATREUS" 21st May New York, Boston & Baltimore.

PASSENGER SERVICE.

"PATROCLUS" 5th May Singapore, Marseilles & London.

"ANTHONY" 2nd June Singapore, Marseilles & London.

"HERCULES" 18th May Singapore, Marseilles & London.

"KLEPAUN" 2nd June Singapore, Marseilles & London.

"PATROCLUS" 5th May Singapore, Marseilles & London.

Also cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation at specially reduced fares.

For freight and passage rates and information apply to:—

Butterfield & Swire.

Agents.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

NOTICE.

Wireless Telegraph Services, which offer speedy and efficient means of communication, are established between Hongkong and Ships at Sea, French Indo-China, the Province of Yunnan, and Macao.

The Radio Telegraph Office is always open for the reception and transmission of Radio Telegrams and for reporting vessels passing Wharfin and Gap Rock Lighthouses.

Wireless Services with Canton and Swatow suspended until further notice.

Full particulars may be obtained on application to the Radio Counter in the Main Hall of the G.P.O., and at the Radio Telegraph Office, 3rd floor, Government Building.

LIST OF VESSELS EXPECTED TO BE IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION WITH HONGKONG TO-DAY.

Van Cloon, Norway Maru, Hermelin, Albert Sarraut, Talamba, Turbo, Yokohama Maru, Tacoma, Consuelo, Bintang, Benrines, Tjikembang, Glenfalloch, Seangbee, Perim, Lasvigas, Glengarry, Tacoma Maru, Paul Lecat, Hosang, Java, Kashgar, Van Overstraten, Fiume-L, Moji Maru, Tjihwong.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM	FRIDAY, APRIL 16.	PER
Shanghai	SATURDAY, APRIL 17.	Chonan
EUROPE via Suez, Letters & Papers London 18th Mar.		Kashgar
& Parole 11th Mar		Perim
Shanghai	MONDAY, APRIL 19.	Linau
Straits	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.	Hosang
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai	THURSDAY, APRIL 22.	Empress of Asia
Australia and Manila	TUESDAY, APRIL 27.	Mishima Maru
Manila		Empress of Asia

OUTWARD MAILES.

For	FRIDAY,	APRIL 16.	Per	Time
Bangkok			Chikhu	5 p.m.
Formosa			Kohs Maru	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius Africa, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 15th May Parole 5 p.m. Registration 17th Apr. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.			Devanha	
	SATURDAY,	APRIL 17.		
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. —due Victoria B.C. 10th May. Parole 9 a.m. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.			Philippines	
Shanghai			Suning	2.30 p.m.
Wohaiwei			Kueichow	2.30 p.m.
	SUNDAY	APRIL 18..		
Shanghai Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (Letters & Postcards specially super- scribed "via Siberia" only)			Kashgar	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa			Kaijo Maru	9 a.m.
Shanghai			Ormarthonshire ..	9 p.m.
	MONDAY,	APRIL 19.		
Japan			Polyphehus	10.30 a.m.
Amoy			Obenan	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 15th May. Parole 5 p.m. Registra- tion (9th Apr.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.			Kelvan	
	TUESDAY,	APRIL 20.		
Shanghai			Lyonon	10.30 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

Phone C. 22

FOR

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Twenty-five words three insertions. "prepaid" \$1. Every additional word four cents for three insertions.

WANTED:

WANTED—European Ladies' Maid to accompany a Lady to London via Canada, leaving about end of May. Apply Post Office Box No. 289.

LOST.

LOST—Last Thursday, in Hongkong, Ladies' Gold Watch with black silk ribbon and monogram "H.K." on back. Please return to Russo-Asiatic Bank or telephone Central No. 4730. Reward, if required.

TO LET.

TO LET—4, Birchwood Road, Tooting, Bec Common, Streatham, London, S.W. 17. A Modern house facing Common, 4 bed-rooms, 2 sitting rooms, kitchen, garden. Fitted with electric light, gas stove and fire grates. Plainly furnished, blankets, silver and linen could be provided. Rent three guineas a week. Reply Box No. 396, c/o "China Mail."

ON or About MARCH, 1926, WHOLE FLAT or SPACIOUS SUITE of OFFICES in the "French Building" ex "Victoria Building," No. 6, Queen's Road Central (between Chartered Bank and Mercantile Bank).

Apply to—

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Chater Road.

TUITION GIVEN.

MISS DORIS WOODS (Personal Pupil of Josephine Bradley) **TEACHER and DEMONSTRATOR** of all the latest ballroom dancing, **FRENCH TANGO** a specialty, as now danced all over Europe (vide English Press). The steps are simple, graceful and easily learnt. Private lessons daily. Studio, 3, Beaconsfield Arcade. Tel. C.3128.

FOR SALE.

MOTOR BOAT FOR SALE.

Length: 50 feet, 2 inches. Breadth: 12 feet. Depth: 5 feet, 8 inches. Draft: 2 feet, 9 inches. Hull: Oregon Pine. Engines: "Miller" (U.S.A.) Gasoline Consumption: 2 gallons per hour. Speed: 9.9 knots. Motors: 4 cylinders, 40 h.p. Fittings: bathroom, lavatory, sleeping room, etc., excellent design and materials; canvas awnings, etc., complete. Apply to **MOTOR BOAT, c/o "China Mail."**

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of The Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Wearns Hongkong, Hotel, from Samsat, Florida

Mr. R. M. Sheriff c/o Hongkong and Shanghai Bank from Philadelphia, Tong Tse Ching Charvott, from Tokyo

Obata Masaki, from Shimazura Hien

E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent, Hongkong Station, 15th April 1926.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

LAWN BOWLS SECTION.

OWING to the uncertainty of the weather the opening day of the Lawn Bowls Season has been postponed to Saturday May 1st, Hongkong, 16th April, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the **SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING** to be held on **SATURDAY, 1st May, 1926**, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday 17th April, 1926. Hongkong, 10th April, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRY FORMS, SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING.

THE DISTANCE for the **FIRST RACE**, the Colonial Stakes should read "Six Furlongs."

By Order,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th April, 1926.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

THE Undersigned, going home on leave, begs to inform that **MR. LIMAGE** has been appointed local Agent of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes with effect from the 13th instant.

C. R. MOLLIS, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 12th April, 1926.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on **THURSDAY, 22nd April, 1926, at Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be **CLOSED** from 8th to 22nd April, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1926.

MISCELLANEOUS.

YOUR visiting cards neatly and promptly printed—"China Mail" Office, No. 5, Wyndham St., Telephone Central 22.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE

THEATRE ROYAL.

A Vocal and Instrumental Concert.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY

APRIL 23rd, at 9.15 p.m.

Members can book at **MOUTRIE'S** from Saturday, April 17th and April 19th & 20th.

Booking for the Public opens on April 21st.

SEATS: \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00

LAMMERT BROS

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions—

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **SATURDAY, the 17th April, 1926** commencing at 11 a.m. at Godown No. 6, The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

159 Sacks Flour
14 Empty Casks
40 Empty Cases
85 Cases Cordials
1 Bundle Galvanised Iron Pipe
4 Pieces Flat Iron

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

ON

SATURDAY, the 17th April, 1926 commencing at 12 noon, at their Sales Room, Duddell St.

A Quantity of Medicines, Cod Liver Oil, Dental Cream, Shaving Cream, Powdered Borax, Epsom Salt, Toilet Articles etc., etc.

AND
A Quantity of **TOYS & MISCELLANEOUS GOODS.**

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.
Hongkong, April 10, 1926.

ON

WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1926 commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 10, Eastern House (Top Floor) Hart Avenue, Kowloon.

A Quantity of **VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.**

Catalogues will be issued. On view from Tuesday, the 20th April, 1926.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1926.

NOTICE.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of the Company will be held at their Registered Offices, 2nd Floor, Powell's Building, on **THURSDAY, 22nd April, 1926, at 3 o'clock** in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 15th to the 22nd April, 1926, inclusive.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD., General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1926.

QUEEN'S SUPER CINEMAS

TO-DAY and TO-MORROW at 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.

Just Like a Page From Life

A Tear or Two, Some Heart Throbs, Smiles, Laughs, and a Big Happy Ending

UFA PRODUCTIONS present

EMIL JANNINGS

THE GREAT CHARACTER ACTOR in

"THE LAST LAUGH."

A TREMENDOUS SENSATION THE WORLD OVER.

A PERFECT PICTURE.

THE STAR

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW At 5.30 & 9.15

LON CHANEY in

"THE BLIND BARGAIN."

THE WORLD

TO-DAY At 5.15 & 9.15

ALICE LAKE in

"THE MARRIAGE MARKET"

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Bookbinders.

"THE CHINA MAIL," Bookbinders.
No. 5, Wyndham Street.

Dentist.

HARRY FONG, Dentist,
1st floor, No. 74, Queen's Road Central. Tel. Central No. 1255.

Engineers & Shipbuilders

W. S. BAILEY & CO., LTD., Engineers and Shipbuilders, Kowloon Bay.
New Work & Repairs.
Call Flag "L."
Sole Agents for Kelvin Motors.

Land & Estate Agents.

PUN YICK CHO, Land & Estate Agents.
Tel. Central 911-1987.
85, Queen's Road Central.

Modistes.

MADAME FLENT, Pedder Building.
Tel. Central 589.
(latest Parisian models)

TELEPHONE HANDBOOK (The Merchants' Friend) **NOW ON SALE** \$1 per Copy.
5, WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

Optician.

N. LAZARUS. Hongkong's ONLY European Optician. Modern sight testing equipment, prompt repair service. We duplicate any lens. Manager E. A. Cooper, Qualified Sight Testing Optician by Canadian Government Exam. 12, Queen's Road Central.

THE HONGKONG OPTICAL CO., Phone 2232.
63, Queen's Road Central.

Photographers.

MEE CHEUNG, Photographer. 23, Ice House Street, Beaconsfield Arcade Branch. Developing & Printing undertaken.

Printers.

"THE CHINA MAIL," General Printers. Publishers and Bookbinders. 5, Wyndham Street. Tel. C. 22.

Ship Chandlers.

E. HING & CO., 25, Wing Wai St. Tel. C. 1116. Metal Merchants and Ship Chandlers. Managing Director—Mr. H. S. CHIN.

WONG SIU WOON 24 Pottinger St. Phone 1124

Printed and published for the concerned by **GEORGE WILLIAM CADE BURNETT,** Managing Editor, at 5, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.